



Babylon and the Beast

Unveiling the
Spiritual Realities
Behind Earthly
Power



Apocalypse:
To reveal by
unveiling

Revelation:
For present and
future



Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgement of the great Babylon who is seated on many waters,



with whom the
kings of the earth
have committed
fornication, and
with the wine of
whose fornication
the inhabitants of
the earth have
become drunk.



So he carried me
away in the spirit
into a wilderness,
and I saw a woman
sitting on a scarlet
beast



and on her
forehead was
written a name, a
mystery: 'Babylon
the great, mother
of earth's
abominations.'



And I saw that the
woman was drunk
with the blood of
the saints and the
blood of the
witnesses to Jesus.
(Rev 17)

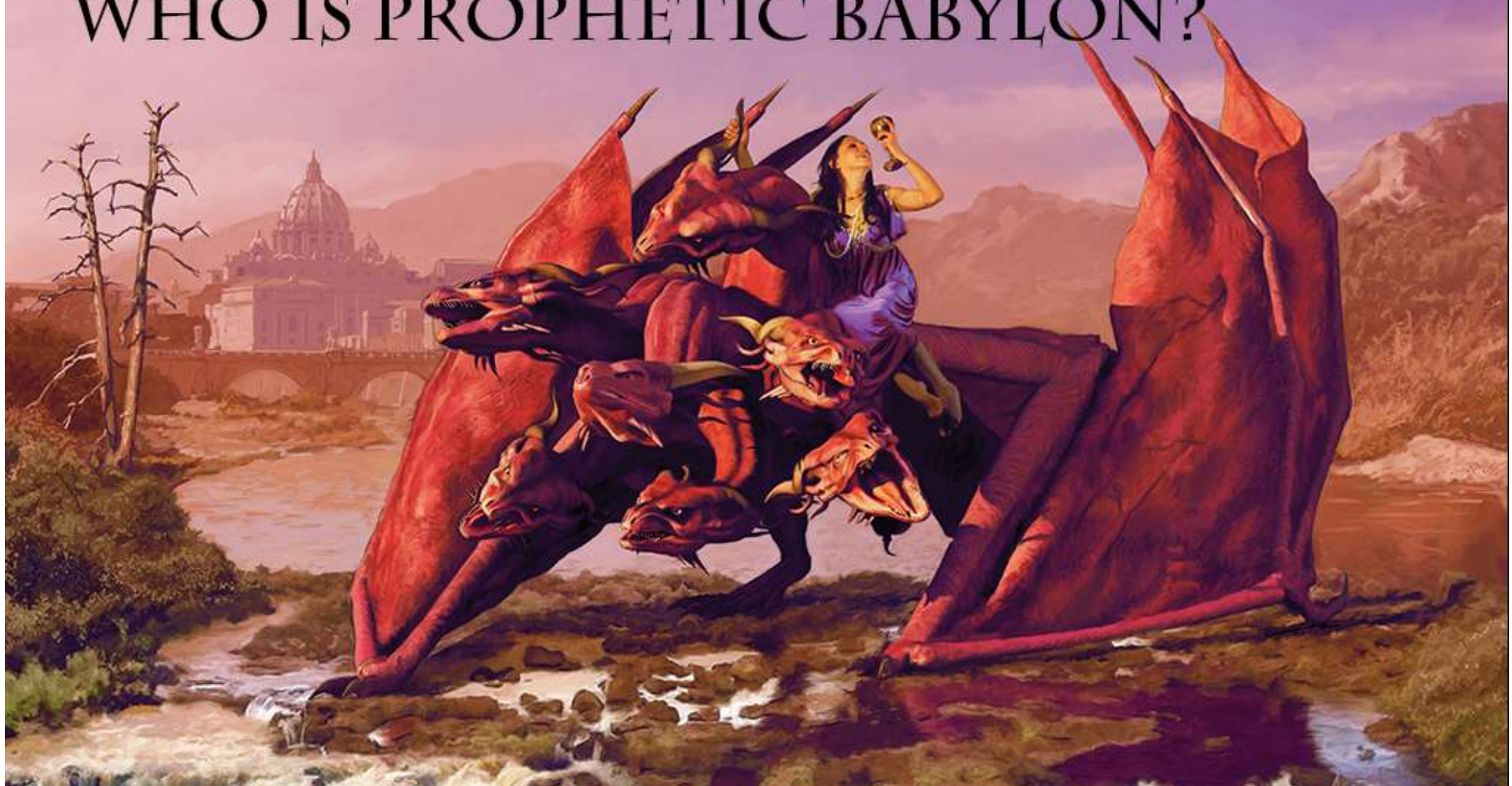


The Beast
represents
Kingdoms of Power
on earth – or more
specifically – the
military destructive
power of earthly
kingdoms



7 Beasts of Empire
Egyptian
Assyrian
Babylonian
Persian
Greek
Roman
?

THE BEAST AND THE HARLOT: WHO IS PROPHETIC BABYLON?





What does Babylon represent?



“For all the nations
have drunk of the
wine of the wrath of
her fornication,
and the kings of the
earth have
committed
fornication with her,



and the merchants
of the earth have
grown rich from the
power of her luxury”

Rev 18



While the Beast
threatens violence
and destroys,
Babylon *seduces*
with the promise of
economic prosperity,
wealth, luxury ...
lifestyle



Babylon rides on the
Beast ...

‘Hard’ and ‘Soft’
power together



Babylon is the
promise of wealth –
but it is built on the
suffering of others –
the blood of many.



And the merchants
of the earth weep
and mourn for her,
since no one buys
their cargo any
more,



cargo of gold, silver,
jewels and pearls,
fine linen, purple,
silk and scarlet, all
kinds of scented
wood, all articles of
ivory, all articles of
costly wood, bronze,
iron, and marble,



cinnamon, spice,
incense, myrrh,
frankincense, wine,
olive oil, choice flour
and wheat, cattle
and sheep, horses
and chariots,
slaves—and human
lives.



for your merchants
were the magnates
of the earth,
And in you was
found the blood of
prophets and of
saints, and of all
who have been
slaughtered on
earth.'



So who is Babylon?

Rev 18 very similar
to Ezekiel 26-27
where God
condemns Tyre,
But the list of goods
is from Rome



Based on Tyre,
Called Babylon,
But list of goods
from Rome
Which is it?



ALL

... and NONE

Babylon is the
Spiritual power that
lies behind earthly
economic powers
built on greed and
materialism



Babylon was
Tyre, Babylon,
Rome, British &
Spanish Empires (?),

Who/what is it
today?



***‘Who the prophetic
cap fits must wear it!’***

To read Revelation – it
unveils the nature of
the Spiritual power
and then asks us to
determine who/what
that is today.



Then I heard
another voice from
heaven saying,



***‘Come out of her,
my people,***

so that you do not
take part in her sins,
and so that you do
not share in her
plagues;



for her sins are
heaped high as
heaven,
and God has
remembered her
iniquities.



Luxury, wealth,
lifestyle can become
their own ends.

Goods can be
produced at the
expense of others.

This is **BABYLON!**

*Come out of her my
people ...*