

# Revelation 17: The Scarlet Colored Beast (SCB)

**Overview:** This study describes what will take place when the Image of the Beast system becomes international, worldwide, and how it will fall.

**Prayer Thought:** *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 118

**Scripture reading:** **Rev. 17:1-6** (see charts on p. 4)

## Whom Does This Woman Symbolize?

- **Jer. 6:2; GC 381**—a woman symbolizes a church.
- **Verse 5**—this woman must be an apostate woman (prostitute)
- She is described as Babylon. . . abominations of the earth.

## This Woman Is Not Specifically the Papacy.

- **Rev. 18:24**—The woman is responsible for “all that were slain upon the earth.” The first person slain for their faith was Abel. Thus, the woman goes back to the time of Cain and Abel.
- **Rev. 19:1-7**—These verses show that the woman was destroyed around the time of the close of probation. The Papacy will exist up to the 2nd coming of Christ (see: **2 Thess. 2:3-8; GC 321, 579**).
- The woman therefore, could *not* specifically be the Papacy. The papacy came to power in 538 A.D. This woman represents a counterfeit religious system or ideology which is older than the Papacy. It is a false belief system that goes back to the time of Cain.
- The Papacy is part of the woman. The woman takes on different forms as she has progressed down through time. She initially represented Paganism, but was later on fused into Christianity during the dark ages. Rome’s doctrines are not new, but go back to the false system of worship initiated by Cain.

## Her Three Exploits or Outstanding Periods.

- **Verse 1**—sitting on the waters—during the dark ages, at the time of the Papacy when this false system of worship controlled many nations—“waters.”
- **Verse 9**—sitting on the seven heads—when the woman unites all the churches together (Protestantism, Catholicism, and Spiritualism) (see: **5T 451; GC 589**).
- **Verse 3**—sitting on the SCB—during the one world government. Her sitting on the beast must be her last act.

## What is the Meaning of the Scarlet Colored Beast?

- She has all the characteristics of the previous beast, so must represent the world after them, and just before the return of Jesus.
- **Scarlet**—Full of sin/cursed. God’s people will be called out of it.
- **Names of Blasphemy**—fill of sin and corruption including hypocrisy.
- **Ten Horns**—Civil powers—governments. Note that the horns have no crowns showing that the authority and control rests with the woman.

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- **Seven Heads**—The religious bodies in existence at the time of the mark of the beast. The SDA church would have already be purified so they are **not** included.

### Verse 8

- **Was**—before the millennium.
- **Is Not (Rev. 20:1-3, 5)**—during 1000 years the wicked are dead in their graves.
- **Yet Is (Rev. 20:3, 7-8)**—after the 1000 years when the wicked are resurrected.
- **Bottomless Pit (Rev. 20:3, 5; GC 658)**—the earth in chaos and as a prison house for Satan, his angels and the wicked during the 1,000 yrs.
- **Perdition**—a destruction from which there is no resurrection. After the millennium the wicked will be destroyed by fire from God.
- **They That Dwell on the Earth**—after all the wicked (whose names are not written in the book of Life) are resurrected they will marvel (wonder) when they see all the wicked from the beginning of time.

### Verse 9

- Heads and mountains in Scripture represent religious bodies. Therefore the seven heads forecast the unification of the churches.

### Verse 10

- **Five Fallen**—five kingdoms have fallen, past tense:
  - Adamic kingdom
  - Babylon
  - Medo-Persia
  - Grecia
  - Rome.
- **One Is**—our present world, the same as the ten toes. This period covers the LLB, 2HB and the SCB.
- **Not Yet Come**—the wicked world after the millennium.
- **Continue a Short Space (Isa. 65:20; Rev. 20:3)**—the 100 years after the millennium just before the wicked are destroyed (“a short while” is the same as “a little season”).

### Verse 11

- **The Beast That Was and is not is the Eighth**—He is the eighth of all the beasts from Daniel 7 and Revelation:
  - Bear
  - Leopard
  - Non-descript beast (NDB)
  - Leopard-like beast (LLB)
  - Two horned beast (2HB)
  - Scarlet colored beast (SCB) *before* the millennium
  - Scarlet colored beast (SCB) *after* the millennium.
- **Is of the Seven**—the SCB is comprised of all the wicked after the millennium, a composite of all the previous beasts, kingdoms. It has the same characteristics.

- **Goes into Perdition (Rev. 20:8-10)**—the SCB after millennium (the 8th beast), represents all the wicked who are cast into a lake of fire and destroyed.
- **Horns**—civil powers

### **Verse 12, 13**

- These horns represent civil powers or Political entities.
- Are kings but have not yet received their kingdom.
- They have authority as kings for one hour.
- They have one mind they are unified in their thinking and planning.
- Instead of taking the rulership, they give it away for the one hour.
- They give their kingdom (rulership) away because God put it in their hearts.
- The one hour is the same as the 11th hour of Matt. 20, the loud cry message.

### **What Civil Powers do the Ten Horns Represent?**

- **Rev. 17:16**—only communists profess no religion, they despise it. The ten horns hated the woman and destroyed her.
- **Rev. 18:9-11**—the kings in this passage are crying because the woman is destroyed. These kings must be democratic—they love religion.

### **Verse 14**

- these kings are to be anti-religious and therefore anti-Christian. They shall eventually make war with the Lord and with His called, chosen, and faithful ones.

### **Verse 15**

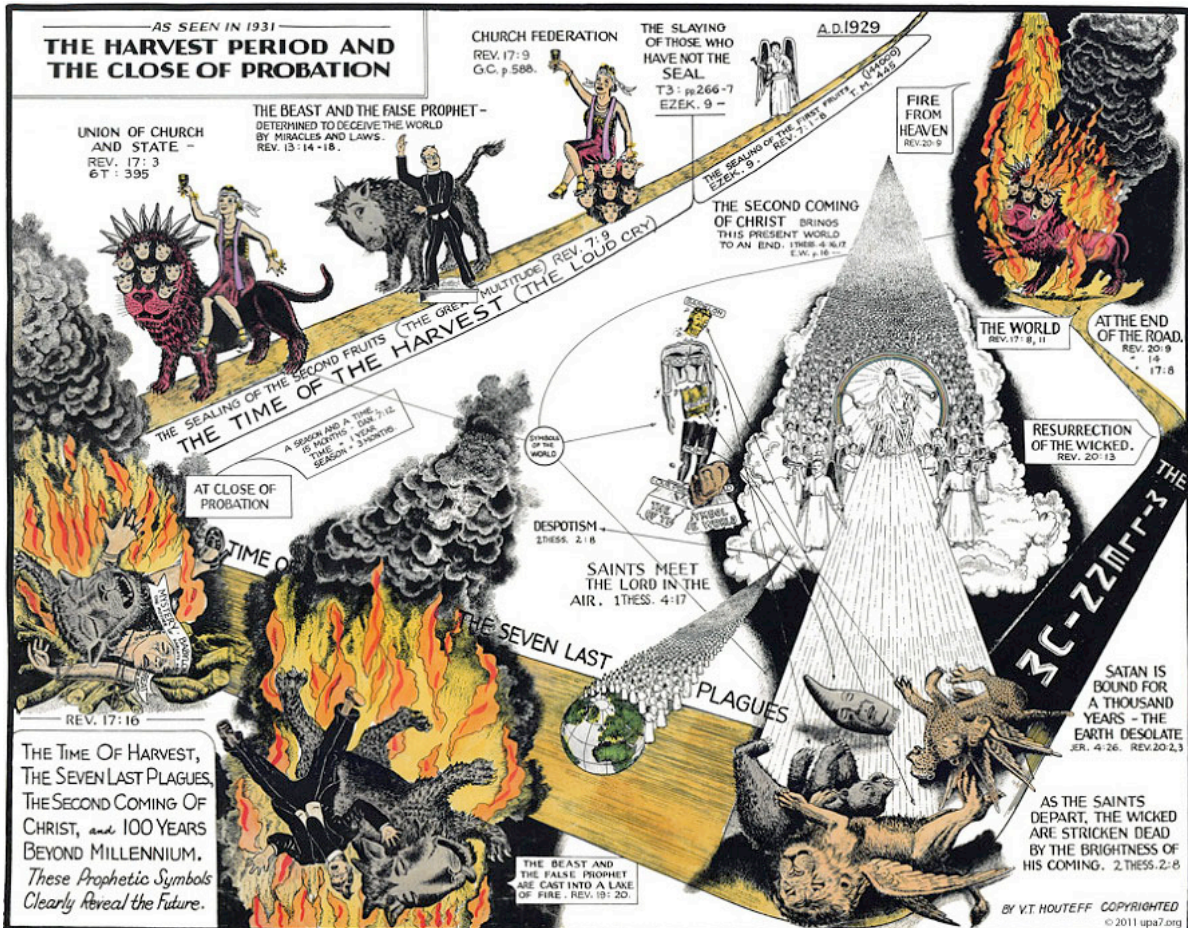
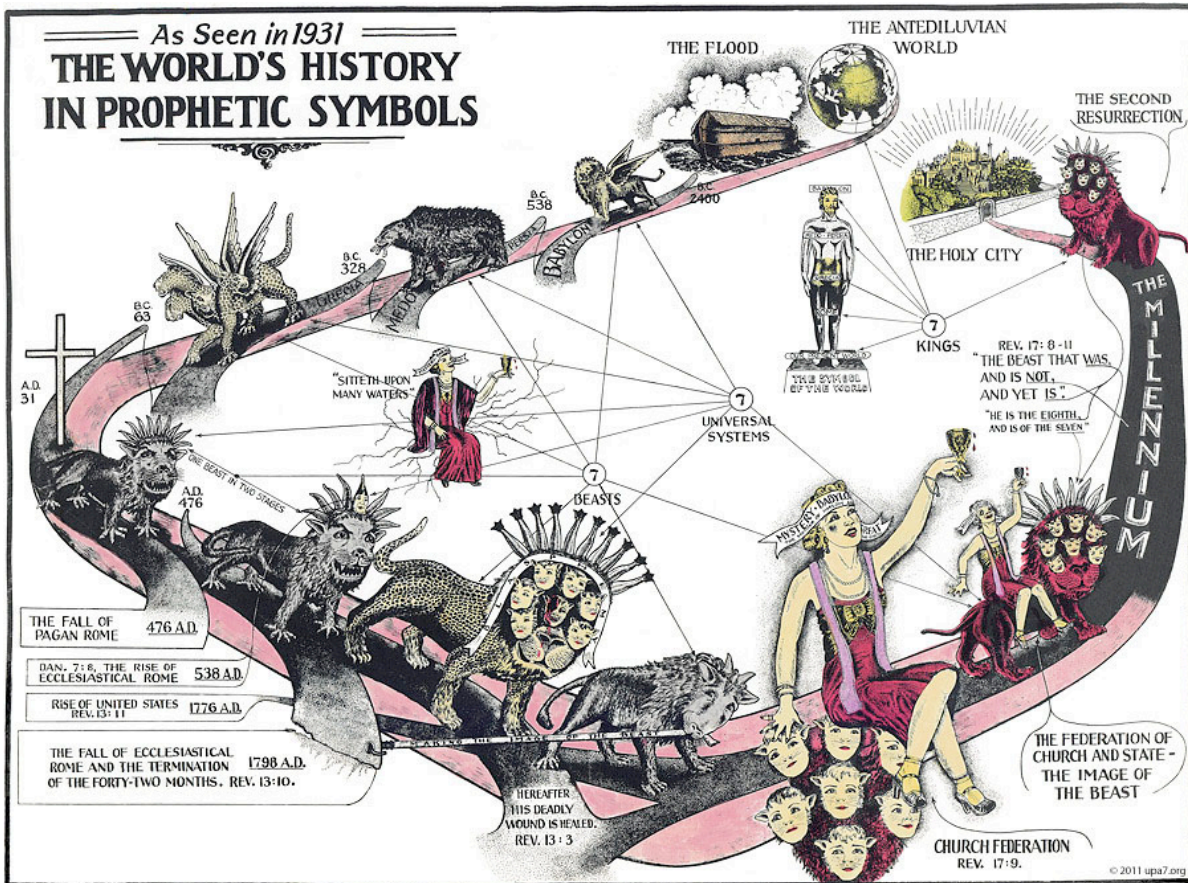
- Waters represents peoples.

### **Verses 16 - 18**

- After the gospel is completed, the Communist powers will destroy the New World Order—the Mark of the beast system.
- This will take place around the close of probation. Then the plagues will fall. Babylon's rule will be short lived.

**Summary:** This study shows the development of the emerging one world government where all of the religious powers will be united as a corrupt and false system supported the power of the state. This confederation of church and state powers will enforce the mark of the beast and represents the world during the final harvest just prior to Christ's return. Also shown is that the corrupt woman is not the papacy as many believe.

**Further Reading:** *Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 2, pp. 111 - 121



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