

REVELATION CLASS

Lesson Seven

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The Whore/False Bride

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The Bride vs the Whore

- Rev 17-20 describes two groups
 - The believers and the unbelievers (the sheep & the goats)
 - Chapter 17 & 18 – unbelievers on the Creator's left side, Matt 25:41 "Be gone from Me, you cursed into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"
 - Chapter 19 & 20 – the place of honor on the Creator's right side, Matt 25:34 "Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"
- God and Satan have brides, with different destinies

Who is the Harlot?

- Verse 1 – “who sits on many waters...” waters denote “out of mankind”, her responsibility is to deceive mankind by using all the temptations that would be lawless or torah-less.
- The harlot riding on a beast, same beast as in Rev 13.
- Beast rose up out of the sea with seven heads and ten crowns – his origins in mankind, at least in part.
- This beast is different from the other beast, the False prophet in Rev 13:11-17.
 - He has a deadly wound to the head, which had been healed
 - claim to have power over death by appearing to rise from the dead.
- The False Messiah will deceive mankind that he is the Messiah.
- The Bible is very clear, when the False Messiah fake his false resurrection, the world will worship him, contrast this with the true resurrection of Jesus and yet the world does not believe.
- The harlot rides on the beast shows that she has control but is only temporal.

Who is the Harlot?

- The beast uses the charm of the harlot to deceive mankind, then he will kill her when she is no longer needed.
- The colors and gem stones of the harlot's dressing are similar to that of the priests of God as described in Exodus 28. Her colors are soil-based while the true bride's colors are light-based.
- This implies that this harlot is acting as a false priest and represents all the religions of the world that are anti-torah.
- We have now Four characters from the evil kingdom
 - Satan, the dragon
 - the False Messiah, the beast from the sea (nephilim)
 - Abaddon, the False Prophet, the beast from the land (nephilim)
 - The Whore, the false high priest
- The beast in Rev 17 which the whore rides on is not the false prophet, but mirror the False Messiah, also represents the seven evil kingdoms. It reveals the spirit behind these seven kingdoms which is always Satan.
- Satan is the dragon in Rev 13:4

Colors of the Covenant

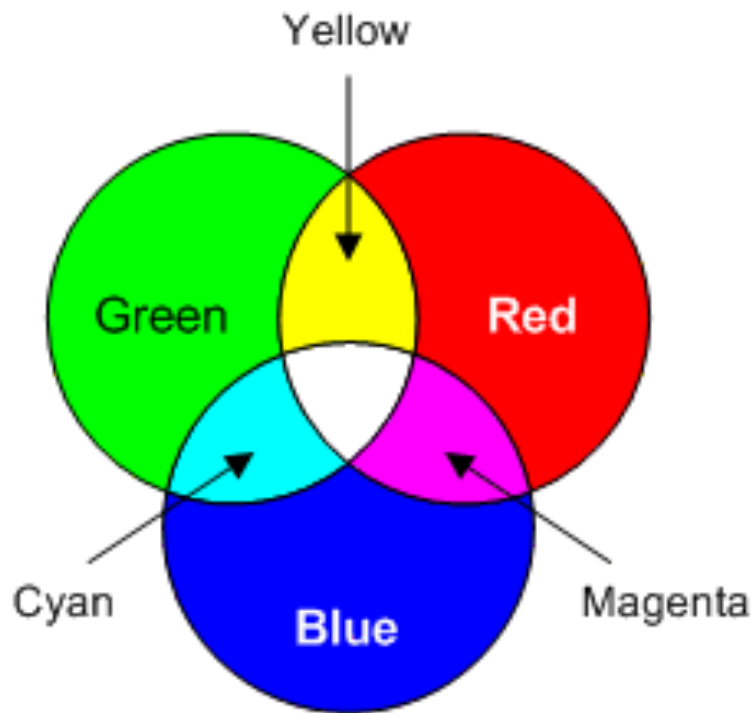
- Three primary colors, red, yellow and blue, representing the three covenant God offers to man.
 - Red – Servant-hood
 - Yellow – Friendship
 - Blue – inheritance, blue/purple signify royalty
- Satan also offers these counter-covenants to man.
- What has light to do with us?
 - Created being have only capacity to reflect light, they do not give off colors.
 - Colors appear as they are reflected and the rest of the colors are absorbed by the object.
 - Because God dwells in His people we should act as conduits for His light, not merely reflectors only.
 - Reflectors only reflect the sources of light, but God's people should be His conduit of His light to the world, revealing His Truth and not man wisdom.
 - We should humbly recognize the true source and we are His conduits.

Colors

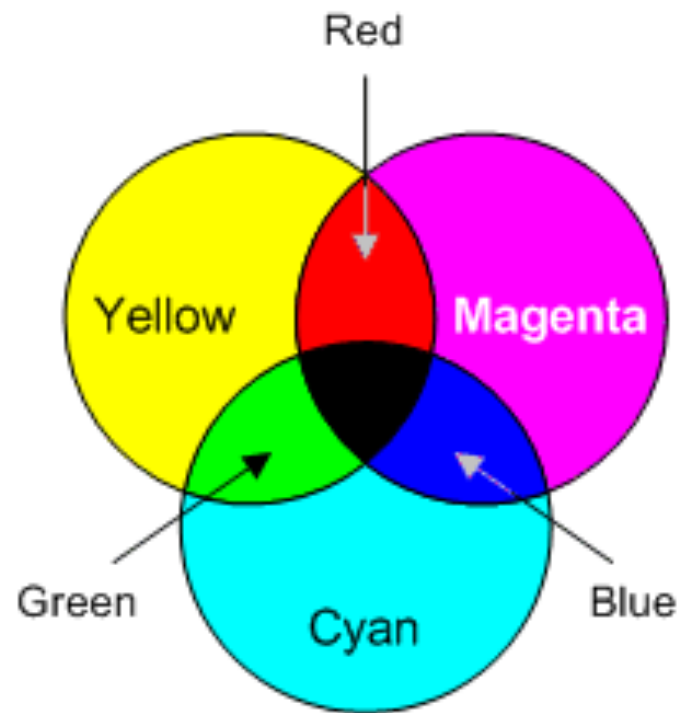
- Prophet's color represented by red – symbols of blood and water.
- Priest's color represented by yellow – topaz gemstone
- Messiah Himself will come and rule forever as the King – Blue, the symbol of royalty.
- God is light (1 John 1:5) His object is to restore man back to the fullness of white light.
- The goal of the covenant is restoration of relationship with our Creator God.
- The secondary colors:- orange, green and purple show man's positive response to God's offer of covenant.
- The ultimate covenant of marriage is the combination of the three primary colors to correspond to white color.

Colors

- However, Physics teaches us that the three primary colors combine to give white light.
- White light is composed of all colors, but red, green and blue are the minimum that can combine to give white light.
- Why Green? *With light* Green is said to be a primary color and not Yellow.
- Why is Green a secondary color in pigment but a primary color in light?
- This is true for the same reason that the Son lowered Himself to a state below even the angels (Heb 2:9), yet is still Sovereign of the Universe.
- The three primary colors of light represents God and the order of the work that is done for the process of restoration (the Spirit must draw you to the Son so that you can receive from the Father – Eph 2:18)
- Red = the Spirit, Green = the Son and Blue = the Father
- The Son is Green instead of Yellow because He is a combination of the divine and the earthly.
- He came as both God and man, He became a “secondary color” in terms of earthly pigment out of His great love for us, but will always be a primary color in term of light.



Additive (light)



Subtractive (paint)

Additive and subtractive color combinations

Who was Ephraim?

- Hosea 7:8 “Ephraim mixes himself with the nations; Ephraim has become a cake not turned”
- This refers to the ten northern tribes, who turned from God to worship Baal and other gods.
- “Mixes” means mix sexually. Thus Ephraim perverted themselves with the idolatrous nations.
- Babylon has a symbolic meaning in the biblical text, it means all that is evil in opposition to God.
- There are 3 Babylons represented in the evil kingdoms (mini-menorah) The First Babylon was that of Nimrod, the second was by king Nebuchadnezzar, The lead or shamash evil kingdom represented by the dragon/satan/beast which will rule this last Babylon for 3 ½ years.
- The False Messiah will come in the context of religion.

Who is in the Book of Life

- Three levels of Hell
 - Sheol - the underworld
 - Gehenna - a place of fiery torment, the Lake of fire
 - Abyss
- Rev 17:7-8
 - Who are “those who dwell on the earth” and whose name “have not been written in the book of life”?
 - In Hebrew thinking - all people start with their names written in the Book of Life. All mankind is predestined for salvation. Yet they are free to choose.
 - When you reject God, your name is removed.
 - They are the nephilim who dwell on the earth and whose names are not written in the Book of Life. They do not have God’s breathed spirit in them.

The Beast

Who is the Beast?

- The Beast in Rev 17 is the Beast in Rev 13 - “that was, is not and is about to come”.
- He is identified as the False Messiah, impersonated by Satan.
- Is a composite of Satan (a cherubin) and the fallen teraphim released from the abyss.
- During John’s time, the same entity “was no more” because he was still locked away in the abyss. But in the future, he will be set free once more and thus would “ come again”.
- Verse 9 – revealed the location of the Beast. Rome sits on seven hills and has been the center of pagan religions for thousands of years.
- Rome was taken over by the Roman Catholic church about 1,500 years ago and at which time Biblical truth has been corrupted by many pagan ideas.
- God can still be found in Catholicism, but through its association with paganism, it has seriously diluted His Word.

Seven Heads

- Represents the seven evil kingdoms that Satan has created over the last 6,000 years.
- Those kingdoms also represent seven hills (ie Rome) on which the woman sits.
- In addition to Catholicism the city of Rome has multiple religious “connections” via the various worldly powers have attempted to control and exploit mankind by taking advantage of man’s innate interest in spiritual things.
- These seven kingdoms at the time of the writing of the book of Revelation, five had fallen. Babylon, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon again, Medio-Persia and Greece. (Five separate evil kingdoms)
- The kingdom existing in the first century when Rev was written was the first half of the Roman kingdom, represented by the calves of iron in Daniel prophecy.

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- The prophecy splits the last evil kingdom into two halves, each existing with different time periods (1) during the time of Yeshua's life death and resurrection and (2) another will come into power just before the second coming of Yeshua, but for a short time.
- This kingdom will come from the European land mass that the earlier Roman Empire conquered and ruled. It is the kingdom that has not yet appeared.
- In Daniel, it is described as a terrible beast that will crush its opponents.
- The seven-headed beast will also create a false peace by appealing to the lust of the flesh.

The Ten Horns

- Verse 12 – represents ten kings and they give their power to the beast.
- Some suggest that the ten kings are the 10 nations of the EU while others have proposed that in end times, the world is divided into ten regions with rulers for each.
- Most importantly, these ten kings will be the primary conduits for worldly opposition to the one true God.
- The whore is seated on the waters and she manipulate and influence the nations to set up the kingdom of Satan.

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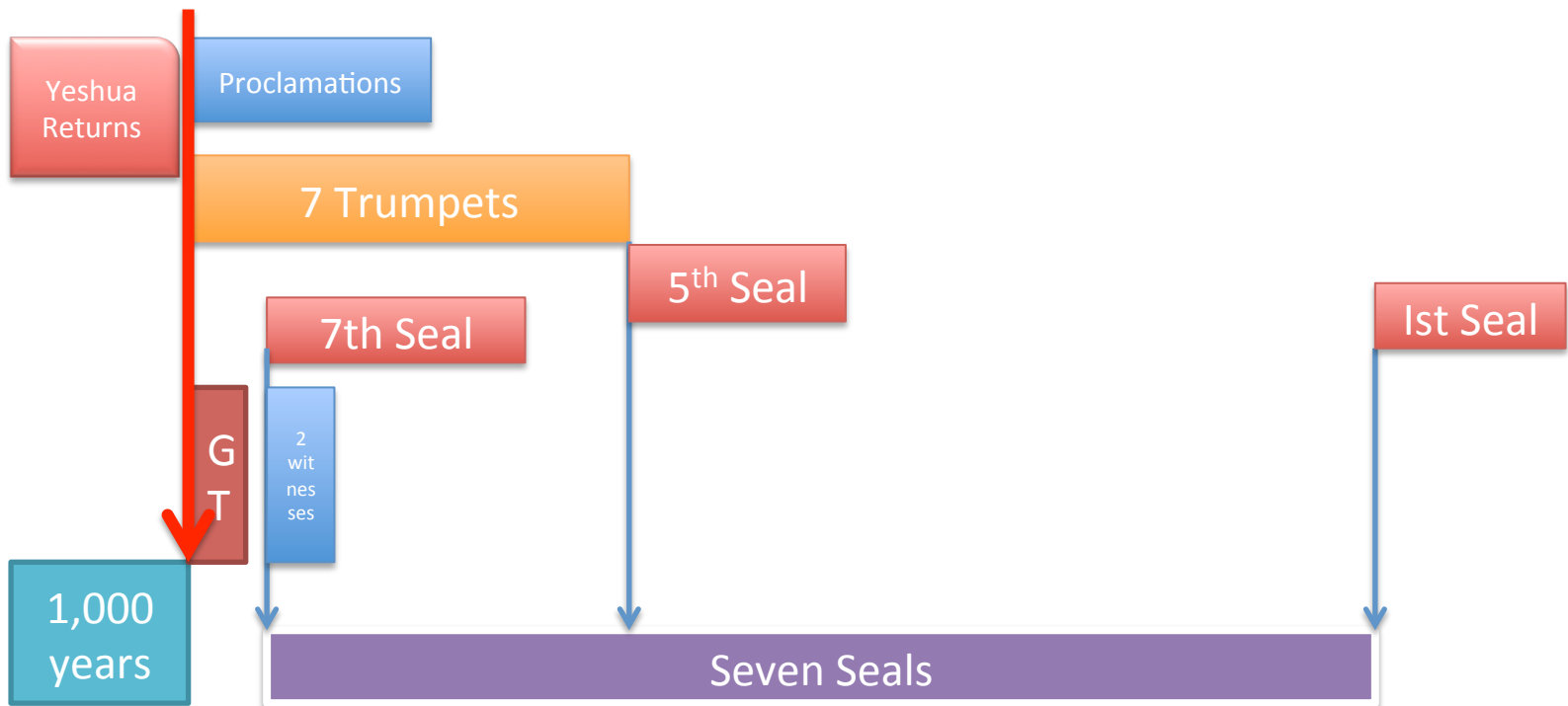
- Behind the scene, the ten nations will strip her and utterly consume her with fire.
- Rev 14 and 17 are all describing the same whore (Babylon)
- Rev 14:7-8 and Rev 18:3-5 are very similar. These angelic proclamations will occur just before the seventh trumpet.

The Jezebel Connection

- In the OT, Queen Jezebel ruled and led the ten tribes into defiant and disobedience to God.
- She and her husband, Ahab committed many evil deeds.
- Elijah confronted Ahab and called down fire to consume the false prophets of Baal.
- This time in Rev 11, the False Prophet called down fire and consume the two witnesses.
- However, the two witnesses' bodies are resurrected on the third day!
- Jezebel's father was king of Tyre. In Ezekiel 28, the king of Tyre is described as Satan incarnated. Also read Isaiah 14.

Timeline

- Daniel 7 years tribulation
 - Two halves, 3 ½ years (1260 days) each
 - First half, the two witnesses will reign
 - During this period the Angelic proclamations take place
 - At the fifth proclamation, the Seventh Trumpet will sound, the Bride is snatched away, also signifies the beginning of the Great Tribulation where Satan will reign.
 - The two witnesses died and resurrected
 - The whore killed, and the Judgment of God (the Bowls are poured out).



Seven Kingdoms

Seven Letters

