

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of St. John The Divine

THE DOOM OF BABYLON

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

With whom the Kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH,

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

And the angel said unto me, wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

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And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

Revelation 17: 1-9

In dealing with the mystery of the City of Babylon, Max Heindel writes: "The Lucifers are a class of Beings who attained to a stage of evolution far beyond that of humanity in the Moon Period, but fell short of the development of the Angels. They are demigods, and could not take a dense body like man. But neither could they gather experience as the Angels are doing. They needed a brain and spinal cord, and so, when man had built such an instrument,

it was to their advantage to prompt him in the use of it.

"At that time the opening consciousness of man was turned *inwards*, and he saw his inner organs and built them with the same force that he now turns *outward* to build houses, ships, etc., and the outside muscles of his body; so the woman, who was most advanced in that direction because of having her Imagination trained, saw the intelligence embodied in her serpentine spinal cord, and at a later stage, when man came to record this experience, the serpent appealed to him as the nearest likeness to that which he wanted to tell about.

"This idea is carried out right through the Bible. In Isaiah 14 he is called Lucifer (day-star), king of Babel-On (gate of the Sun), a city located upon seven hills, and having dominion over the world. There mankind ceased to act in unison and became separated into warring nations. It is the seed ground of all the ills imaginable, and is called a 'harlot' in Revelation, where her fall is described.

"Let us consider that these cities (Babylon and Jerusalem) are located upon seven hills or mountains, a position offering special advantages for observation. Moses 'went into the mountain' and 'saw' and 'heard.' So did those on 'the mount' of transfiguration. Daniel likens Babylon to the *head* of the image Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream, and on the human head there are seven places for observation; two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, and a mouth. Man is also tenfold, having a threefold Spirit, a three-fold soul, and a threefold body, linked together by the mind. Upon these sits the brain, where the 'Lightgiver,' *reason*, rules the little world, the microcosm, as the great Light-giver, God, rules the Macrocosm."