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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“The Great Whore”*

Scripture: Revelation 17:1-18

Message: 1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me (one of the 7 angels came to explain to John what he saw during the judgments), “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute (false religious system of the Antichrist), who sits by many waters (the whole world). 2With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries (reference to spiritual adultery that controlled the people).” 3Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman (the false religion) sitting on a scarlet beast (the Antichrist) that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads (kings) and ten horns (nations). 4The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries (the false church will be very wealthy). 5The name written on her forehead (in Roman times, prostitutes wore headbands with their names on them) was a mystery: babylon the great the mother of prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth. (the God given name of the false religion prostitute) 6I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus (the false religion will be responsible for murdering multitudes of saints). When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. 7Then the angel said to me: “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman (the false religion) and of the beast (the Antichrist) she rides, which has the seven heads (kings) and ten horns (nations). 8The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not (reference to the fake death and resurrection), and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction (the destiny of the Antichrist to be thrown into the Lake of Fire). The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come (only the lost will be amazed and deceived). 9“This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits (the city of Rome of John’s day was known as the “city of seven hills”…many believe this is a reference to the Vatican to be the headquarters for the Antichrists religious kingdom). 10They are also seven kings. Five have fallen (Caesar Augustus, Claudius, Caligula, Tiberius, Nero), one is (Domitian at the time of John’s writing), the other has not yet come (the Antichrist); but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while (7 years). 11The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king (the Antichrist after his “resurrection”). He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction. 12“The ten horns (nations) you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.” 15Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. 16The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (the Antichrist will destroy his own false religion once this false religion helped him control the whole world) 17For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled. 18The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

Application:

* The Great Whore
* Satan uses people and things for his benefit and then seeks to destroy them when he is finished
* John 10:10 “the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy…”
* Whose whore are you?
* Is Satan using you for his benefit to deceive people, to discourage people, to distract people?
* When he is through with you he will seek to destroy you

1. [Matthew 7:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7:15#en-NIV-23332) : [Eze 22:27; Ac 20:29](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezek%2022:27,%20Acts%2020:29&version=NIV)