The Woman and the Scarlet Beast

CHARACTERS: John, Angel, All
RUN TIME: 3 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Revelation 17

JOHN: Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me:

ANGEL: Come, I will show you the judgment of the notorious prostitute who sits on many waters. The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and those who live on the earth became drunk on the wine of her sexual immorality.

JOHN: So he carried me away in the Spirit to a desert. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names

ALL: and had seven heads and 10 horns.

JOHN: The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls.

ALL: She had a gold cup in her hand filled with everything vile and with the impurities of her prostitution.

JOHN: On her forehead, a cryptic name was written:

ALL: BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE VILE THINGS OF THE EARTH.

JOHN: Then I saw that the woman was drunk on the blood of the saints

ALL: and on the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.

JOHN: When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. Then the angel said to me,

ANGEL: Why are you astonished? I will tell you the secret meaning of the woman and of the beast, with the seven heads and the 10 horns, that carries her.

ALL: The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up from the abyss and go to destruction.

ANGEL: Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast

ALL: that was, and is not, and will be present again.

ANGEL: Here is the mind with wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated.

ALL: They are also seven kings: Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come,

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ANGEL: and when he comes, he must remain for a little while.

ALL: The beast that was and is not, is himself an eighth king, yet he belongs to the seven and is going to destruction.

ANGEL: The 10 horns you saw are 10 kings who have not yet received a kingdom,

ALL: but they will receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

ANGEL: These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

ALL: These will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings.

ANGEL: Those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

JOHN: He also said to me,

ANGEL: The waters you saw, where the prostitute was seated, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

ALL: The 10 horns you saw, and the beast, will hate the prostitute.

ANGEL: They will make her desolate and naked, devour her flesh, and burn her up with fire.

ALL: For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His plan by having one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until God's words are accomplished.

ANGEL: And the woman you saw is the great city that has an empire over the kings of the earth.

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The Fall of Babylon

CHARACTERS: John, Angel, All, Voice, Babylon, Merchant 1 & 2, Sailor, Kings
RUN TIME: 5 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Revelation 18

JOHN: After this I saw another angel with great authority coming down from heaven, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.

ALL: He cried in a mighty voice:

ANGEL: It has fallen, Babylon the Great has fallen! She has become a dwelling for demons,

ALL: a haunt for every unclean spirit,

ANGEL: a haunt for every unclean bird, and a haunt for every unclean and despicable beast.

ALL: For all the nations have drunk the wine of her sexual immorality, which brings wrath.

ANGEL: The kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her,

ALL: and the merchants of the earth have grown wealthy from her excessive luxury.

JOHN: Then I heard another voice from heaven:

VOICE: Come out of her, My people, so that you will not share in her sins or receive any of her plagues.

ALL: For her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

VOICE: Pay her back the way she also paid, and double it according to her works.

ALL: In the cup in which she mixed, mix a double portion for her.

VOICE: As much as she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, give her that much torment and grief, for she says in her heart,

BABYLON: I sit as a queen; I am not a widow, and I will never see grief.

VOICE: For this reason her plagues will come in one day

ALL: death and grief and famine.

VOICE: She will be burned up with fire, because the Lord God who judges her is mighty.

ALL: The kings of the earth who have committed sexual immorality and lived luxuriously with her will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning

VOICE: They will stand far off in fear of her torment, saying:

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KINGS: Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! For in a single hour your judgment has come.

VOICE: The merchants of the earth will also weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any longer—

ALL: merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls;

VOICE: fine fabrics of linen, purple, silk, and scarlet;

ALL: all kinds of fragrant wood products; objects of ivory; objects of expensive wood,

VOICE: brass, iron, and marble;

ALL: cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, and frankincense;

VOICE: wine, olive oil, fine wheat flour, and grain;

ALL: cattle and sheep; horses and carriages;

VOICE: and slaves and human lives.

MERCHANT 1: The fruit you craved has left you.

MERCHANT 2: All your splendid and glamorous things are gone; they will never find them again.

VOICE: The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand far off in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, saying:

MERCHANT 1: Woe, woe, the great city, dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet,

MERCHANT 2: adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls,

MERCHANT 1: for in a single hour such fabulous wealth was destroyed!

VOICE: And every shipmaster, seafarer, the sailors, and all who do business by sea, stood far off as they watched the smoke from her burning and kept crying out:

SAILOR: Who is like the great city?

VOICE: They threw dust on their heads and kept crying out, weeping, and mourning:

ALL: Woe, woe, the great city, where all those who have ships on the sea became rich from her wealth,

SAILOR: for in a single hour she was destroyed.

VOICE: Rejoice over her, heaven, and you saints, apostles, and prophets,

ALL: because God has executed your judgment on her!

JOHN: Then a mighty angel picked up a stone like a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying:

ANGEL: In this way, Babylon the great city will be thrown down violently and never be found again.

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ALL: The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters will never be heard in you again;

ANGEL: no craftsman of any trade will ever be found in you again;

ALL: the sound of a mill will never be heard in you again;

ANGEL: the light of a lamp will never shine in you again;

ALL: and the voice of a groom and bride will never be heard in you again.

ANGEL: All this will happen because your merchants were the nobility of the earth,

ALL: because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery,

ANGEL: and the blood of prophets and saints, and of all those slaughtered on earth, was found in you.

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Celebration in Heaven

CHARACTERS: John, All, Elder, Voice
RUN TIME: 2 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Revelation 19

JOHN: After this, I heard something like the loud voice of a vast multitude in heaven, saying:

ALL: Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, because His judgments are true and righteous,

ELDER: because He has judged the notorious prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality;

ALL: and He has avenged the blood of His slaves that was on her hands.

JOHN: A second time they said:

ALL: Hallelujah! Her smoke ascends forever and ever!

JOHN: Then the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who is seated on the throne, saying:

ELDERS: Amen! Hallelujah!

JOHN: A voice came from the throne, saying:

VOICE: Praise our God, all His slaves, who fear Him, both small and great!

JOHN: Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying:

ALL: Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, has begun to reign!

ELDER: Let us be glad, rejoice, and give Him glory,

ALL: because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has prepared herself.

JOHN: She was given fine linen to wear, bright and pure.

ELDER: *(aside to audience)* For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints.

JOHN: Then he said to me,

VOICE: Write: Those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb are fortunate!

JOHN: He also said to me,

VOICE: These words of God are true.

JOHN: Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me,

VOICE: Don't do that! I am a fellow slave with you and your brothers who have the testimony about Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony about Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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