

Seal 7, Trumpet 7, Sign 7, Plague 7: The Seven Words About Civilization's Destruction

¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the atmosphere. A loud voice came out of the throne in the temple, saying,

“It has happened (Rev 1:3, 1:19, 4:1, 6:9-11, 10:6-7, 11:15-17, 12:10)!”

¹⁸ There were lightning-bolts, voices, thunderclaps, and a great quake, so great that it was unlike any since humans had been upon the Earth—as *the signs of the Creator's presence intensified once again* (Isa 24:17-20; Rev 4:5, 6:12, 8:5, 11:19). ¹⁹ The Great City—*Civilization*—was split into three parts and the cities of the ethnic-groups collapsed (Gen 19:24-25; Psa 9:5-6; Isa 6:11-12; Jer 4:23-26; Zeph 3:1-6; Rev 11:8, 14:8). Babylon the Great—*Civilization*—was remembered by the Creator and he gave it the wine cup of his passion and anger (Gen 6:5-7; Isa 51:17-23; Rev 6:16-17, 8:4, 11:18, 14:10, 14:19-20). ²⁰ Every island fled (Ezek 26:15-18) and no mountains were found (Isa 2:12-17, 40:3-4, 54:10; Ezek 38:20; Rev 6:14-16). ²¹ Great hailstones, *weighing* as much as a talent-of-money—*100 pounds*—came down from Heaven upon humanity—*representing humanity's own wealth crashing back down upon itself* (Exod 9:18-26; Josh 10:11; Isa 28:2, 32:19; Ezek 13:8-16; Rev 8:7, 11:19). Humanity blasphemed the Creator because of the plague of hailstones that was so exceedingly great (Rev 2:9, 13:5-6, 16:9-11). ^{17.1} Then one of the seven angels having the seven bowls arrived and spoke with me (Rev 15:6-7), saying,

“Come, I will show you the judgment of the Great Prostitute—*Civilization*—who sits upon many waters (Gen 4:16-17, 10:6-14; Exod 34:12-16; Deut 31:16-18; Judg 2:17; Isa 1:21, 23:13-18; Jer 2:20, 22:8, 51:11-13; Ezek 16:23-29, 23:1-49, Jonah 1:2; Nah 3:1-7; Rev 14:4). ² The rulers of the Earth have committed prostitution with her and those dwelling upon the Earth have gotten drunk on the wine of her prostitution (Rev 2:14, 2:20, 9:21, 14:8).”

³ In the Spirit he carried me away into the wilderness—to *gain perspective* (Rev 1:10, 4:2, 12:6, 12:14). I saw a woman—*Civilization*—sitting upon a scarlet Monster—the *Nation*—full of blasphemous names, having seven heads—*full spiritual authority*—and ten horns—*full physical power* (Rev 9:8, 12:1-3, 13:1). ⁴ The *Prostitute* was clothed with purple and scarlet, was adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls, and had a gold cup in her hand full of detestable things and the impurities of her prostitutions (Gen 41:42; Esth 8:15; Prov 31:21-22; Jer 4:30, 51:7; Lam 4:1-5; Ezek 28:12-19; Dan 5:7; Rev 14:4). ⁵ A mysterious name was written upon her forehead (Rev 14:9-10):

“Babylon the Great—*Civilization*—mother of prostitutes and the detestable things of the Earth (Hos 4:10-14).”

⁶ I saw the *Prostitute* drunk from the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus (Gen 4:10; Num 23:24; Ezek 39:17-20; Rev 6:10, 12:11, 16:4-7). When I saw her I marveled at this great wonder (Psa 48:4-6; Isa 14:16; Luke 21:5-6; Rev 13:3).

Word 1: The Nation Wars Against the Lamb

⁷ But the angel said to me,

“Why do you marvel? I will tell you of the mystery of the *Prostitute*—*Civilization*—and the *Nation* carrying her which has seven heads—*full spiritual authority*—and ten horns—*full physical power* (Rev 9:8, 12:3, 13:1, 17:3). ⁸ The *Nation* you saw was and is not, and it is about to come up out of the Abyss—the *spiritual prison*—and go away into destruction (Rev 9:1-2, 9:11, 11:7, 11:17, 16:5). Those dwelling upon the Earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life from the creation of the cosmos (Rev 3:5, 13:8), will marvel to see the *Nation* who was, is not, and will be present (Rev 13:3, 13:12-14). ⁹ Here is the mind having wisdom (Rev 13:18), the seven heads—*full spiritual authority*—are seven mountains—*all places of security* (Rev 6:14-16, 8:8, 16:20)—and seven rulers—*all rulers of the Earth*—where *Civilization* sits (Isa 2:12-18; Rev 17:1). ¹⁰ Five—*most*—have collapsed, one is *currently ruling*, the other has not arrived and when he arrives it is necessary for him to remain for a little *time* (Rev 6:11, 12:12, 14:8). ¹¹ The *Nation* that was and is, is also an eighth but it *represents all seven rulers* and it goes away into destruction (Rev 17:8). ¹² The ten horns—*full physical power*—that you saw are ten rulers which have not yet taken rule, but with the *Nation* they take authority as rulers for one hour (Rev 3:3, 3:10, 6:8, 8:1, 9:15, 11:13, 14:15). ¹³ These ten rulers have one purpose, which is to give

power and authority to the *Nation* (Ezek 38:10).¹⁴ They will make war with the Lamb (Rev 11:7, 12:17, 13:7), but the Lamb will be victorious over them because he is Lord of lords and Ruler of rulers and those with him are called, chosen, and faithful (Deut 10:17-21; Psa 110:5; Dan 2:37-38; Ezek 26:7; Rev 1:5, 12:11, 15:2).”

Word 2: The Nation Turns Against Civilization

¹⁵ He said to me,

“The waters that you saw where the Prostitute—*Civilization*—sits are peoples, crowds, ethnic-groups, and tongues (Isa 17:12-14; Rev 17:1, 17:9).¹⁶ The ten *rulers* that you saw (Rev 9:8, 12:3, 13:1, 17:3, 17:7, 17:12) and the *Nation*, will disown the Prostitute—*Civilization*. They will strip her naked (Rev 3:17-18, 16:15) and they will eat her flesh and burn her up with fire (Gen 11:1-9; Lev 21:9; Ezek 16:35-39; Rev 8:8).¹⁷ For the Creator has put it in the hearts of *the ten rulers* to accomplish this one purpose of his by giving their rule to the *Nation* until the Creator’s words are completed (Rev 10:7, 11:7, 15:1, 15:8).¹⁸ The *Prostitute* that you saw is the Great City—*Civilization*—which has a kingdom over all the rulers of the Earth (Rev 6:15, 11:8, 16:14, 16:19, 17:2).”

Word 3: Civilization Is Collapsed

^{18.1} After this I saw another angel—*Jesus Christ*—coming down from Heaven having great authority and the Earth was made light from his glory (Isa 60:1-2; Ezek 43:2; Rev 5:12-13, 8:12).² He called out with a strong voice, saying,

“Collapsed! Babylon the Great—*Civilization*—has collapsed (Isa 21:6-10, 23:1-18, 47:1-15; Jer 50:1-3, 50:29-32, 51:7-9, 51:49-57; Ezek 27:27-36; Rev 14:8, 16:19, 17:10)! It is a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every impure spirit, every impure bird, and every impure and disowned monster (Isa 13:19-22, 34:11-15; Jer 50:39-40, 51:37; Zeph 2:14-15; Rev 6:8, 13:1, 13:11)!³ For all the ethnic-groups have drunk from the passionate wine of its prostitution (Rev 9:21, 14:8, 17:2). The rulers of the Earth have committed prostitution with it and the businessmen of the Earth have become rich from the power of its luxury (Isa 23:8-9; Ezek 27:1-36; Rev 3:17-18, 13:16).”