

The Two Cities and the Two Women – Revelation Ch. 17 (SN57)

The Two Cities

- The Bible could be viewed as the study of two cities
 - The city of God - Jerusalem
 - The city of man – Babylon
 - Babylon is mentioned over 300 times in the Bible
 - It is alluded to 3 times in Christ’s genealogy
 - It is the capital of:
 - The first world dictator (Nimrod) *Genesis 10: 8-12*
 - The last world dictator (The beast) *Revelation 17: 8*
 - The rebuilding and fall of the city of Babylon will be yet another ‘Litmus test’ for the literal view of scripture (as was the re-establishment of Israel in 1948)

The Two Women

- The Book of Revelation could be viewed as the study of two women
 - The woman of chapter 12 is Israel
 - The woman of chapter 17 is a contrast to the woman of chapter 12
 - This woman rides the beast (the final world system of chapter 13) – she is described as the great harlot

	Israel	Woman Riding the Beast
	<i>Chapter 12</i>	<i>Chapter 17</i>
Where?	In Heaven	Upon Many Waters
Mother Of	The Man Child	Harlots
Clothed With	The Sun	Purple, Scarlet, Gold
Identity	Sun, Moon, Stars	Reigns over Kings of the Earth
Enemy	Dragon	10 Kings (ultimately)
World Relationship	Hated by World	Caressed by World
Sustained By	Wings of Heaven	Dragon
Headdress	Crown of 12 Stars	Mystery Babylon the Great
Status	Widowed, Divorced	‘Am No Widow’
Final Location	New Jerusalem	Habitation of Demons