

# The Regional Headquarters of the Antichrist

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Revelation 17-18

These two chapters speak about the complete divine destruction of a geographical location that is connected to the Antichrist and his religion.

## 1. The Misunderstanding of these two chapters

It is a Revived Roman Empire with Rome as its capital

- This is a very prominent view among good scholars
- It is based upon a wrong application of Daniel
- The wrong application of Daniel 9:26
- The wrong application of Revelation 17:9
- It ignores the context of many O.T. passages
- The Scriptures demand that the core activity of the Tribulation Period will be in the East, not the West

## 2. The Biblical understanding of these two chapters

- The context of Revelation 17-18
- The prophetic texts focus on the Antichrist and the East
  - Psalm 83
  - Matthew 24:26-27
  - Isaiah 63:1
- The symbolic meaning of Revelation 17:9-11
  - The identity of the seven heads:
    - Past: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Med-Persia, Greece
    - Present in 1<sup>st</sup> century: Roman Empire
    - Future- the 7<sup>th</sup> head was an Islamic Empire
  - This empire will be revived in last days.
- The neighboring nations and their war with Israel
  - Context of Scriptures (dual fulfillment)
    - Isaiah 13-23
    - Ezekiel 25-35
  - They despised Israel
    - Ezekiel 28:24, 26
    - Ezekiel 36:1-7
  - Focus on the West Bank- "mountains of Israel"
  - These nations and the Promised Land
    - Genesis 15:18
    - Ezekiel 45-48

Some nations within the boundaries of the Promised Land will suffer temporary destruction.

Three areas that include eastern Iraq, southern Jordan, and northern Saudi Arabia will suffer a perpetual destruction for 1,000 years.

- Isaiah 13; 34; 47; Ezekiel 35; Jeremiah 50-51 (eastern Iraq)
- Jeremiah 49:17-28 (southern Jordan)
- Jeremiah 49:28-33 (northern Saudi Arabia)

It will take place during the Tribulation.

Isaiah 13

These areas will be desolate and uninhabited

Like Sodom & Gomorrah- Isaiah 13:19

They will become burning pitch- Isa. 34:9

They will burn “forever.”- Revelation 19:3

They will become a prison for demons

Revelation 18:2

It will take place at the end the Tribulation.

It will be a permanent warning to Israel.

Isaiah 66:24

It will be the significant end to the war between Satan and God.

Revelation 18:24-19:3

Genesis 11:2 & Isaiah 47