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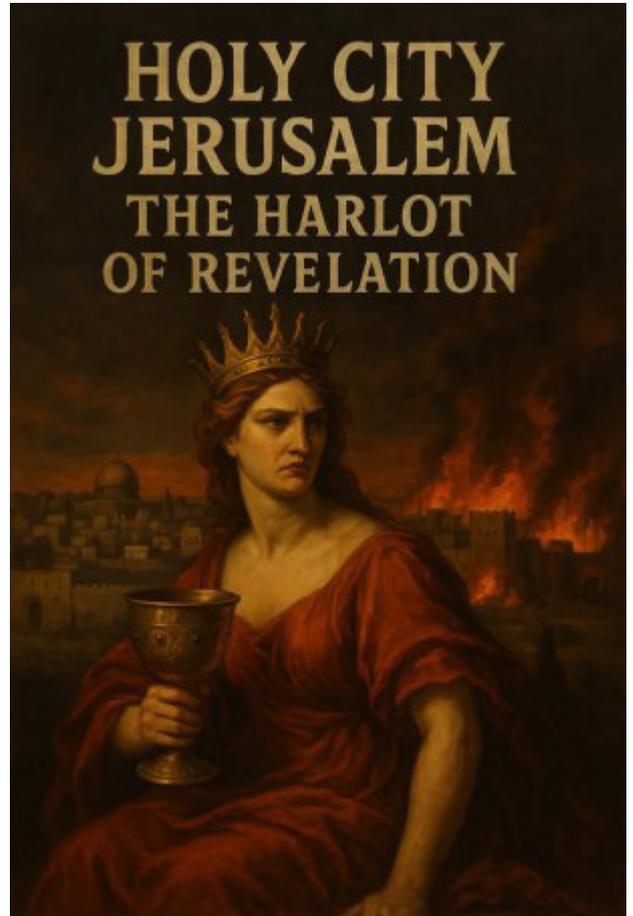
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## Babylon - HOLY CITY – JERUSALEM: The Harlot of Revelation



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### **HOLY CITY – JERUSALEM: The Harlot of Revelation**

Every title and description given to the Harlot City in Revelation matches Jerusalem. In fact, many of these titles apply only to first-century Jerusalem. Let scripture interpret scripture. Below are undeniable scriptural facts to examine:

#### **Jerusalem Alone Is Called the Holy City**

Only Jerusalem is ever given the title "the Holy City" throughout scripture. No other city receives this designation.

Nehemiah 11:1 – "Now the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, but the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, the holy city..."

Nehemiah 11:18 – "All the Levites in the holy city were 284."

Isaiah 48:2 – "...they call themselves after the holy city and lean on the God of Israel..."

Isaiah 52:1 – "Awake, awake, clothe yourself in your strength, Zion. Clothe yourself with your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city..."

Daniel 9:24 – "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city..."

Matthew 4:5 – "...the devil took Him along into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple..."

Matthew 27:53 – "...and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city..."

Revelation 11:2 – "...they will trample the holy city for forty-two months."

Revelation 21:2 – "And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem..."

Revelation 22:19 – "...God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city..."

**Conclusion:** The phrase "holy city" is applied always and only to Jerusalem. Revelation 11:2 places the trampling of the "holy city" within the prophetic framework of judgment. This is Mosaic Jerusalem.

## **Jerusalem Is Also Called Sodom**

Revelation 11:8 refers to the city where the Lord was crucified as "Sodom" and "Egypt." This is unmistakably Jerusalem. Old Testament prophets had already labeled Jerusalem with these names due to her sin.

Isaiah 1:10 – "Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom. Listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!"

Isaiah 3:9 – "...they display their sin like Sodom..."

Jeremiah 23:14 – "...Jerusalem also, I have seen a horrible thing... they are all like Sodom to Me..."

Lamentations 4:6 – "The punishment of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of Sodom..."

**Conclusion:** Scripture repeatedly equates Jerusalem with Sodom, due to her covenantal unfaithfulness and rebellion.

## **Jerusalem Was the Unfaithful Harlot**

Note: In the following, [harlot] is used in place with the "P" word that facebook does not allow (even in scripture been there done that).

The most consistent and scathing imagery tied to Jerusalem throughout the prophets is that of an unfaithful harlot. The language is overwhelming and consistent:

Isaiah 1:21 – "How the faithful city has become a [harlot]..."

Jeremiah 2:20 – "For long ago I broke your yoke and tore off your restraints; but you said, 'I will not serve!' For on every high hill and under every leafy tree you have lain down like a [harlot]."

Jeremiah 3:1, 3:8-9 – God declares He gave faithless Israel a certificate of divorce because of her adulteries. Judah also played the harlot.

Ezekiel 16 & 23 – These chapters go into detail naming Jerusalem's harlotries with Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, even saying she surpassed her sisters Sodom and Samaria.

Hosea 1:2 – "Go, take for yourself a woman inclined to infidelity, and children of infidelity; for the land commits flagrant infidelity by abandoning the Lord."

Hosea 4:12-15 – "My people consult their wooden idol, and their diviner's wand informs them... they have played the [harlot]..."

Micah 1:7 – "All her idols will be smashed... for from [harlot]'s earnings she collected them, and to the earnings of a [harlot] they will return."

Matthew 12:39 – "An evil and adulterous generation craves a sign..."

Mark 8:38 – "...in this adulterous and sinful generation..."

**Conclusion:** From Isaiah to Jesus, the accusation is clear. Jerusalem had become a harlot. Revelation continues this line of testimony, identifying first-century Jerusalem as the harlot woman.

**Final Word:**

Every title given to the Harlot in Revelation finds its origin in Old Testament accusations against Jerusalem. No other city fits the description so completely. The Book of Revelation is not inventing new charges, but confirming old ones. First-century Jerusalem was the covenant-breaking wife, the holy city turned harlot, the Sodom of her day. Let scripture confirm it.

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