
THE BOOK OF
REVELATION



People of Jesus, See Clearly and Beware!

“The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing. She sits at the door of her house; she takes a seat on the highest places of the town, calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way…” (**Proverbs 9:13-15**)

“With much seductive speech she persuades him. With her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver. As a bird rushes into a snare, he does not know that it will cost him his life.” (**Proverbs 7:21-23**)

“And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth. Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.”

(**Proverbs 7:24-27**)

John is confronting the Church's collusion with and patriotic embrace of Rome.

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” (**Jeremiah 29:7**)

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**)

“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.” (**1 Peter 2:17**)

Every kingdom of this world, left to its own devices and on this side of Christ's return, becomes draconic (dragon-ish).

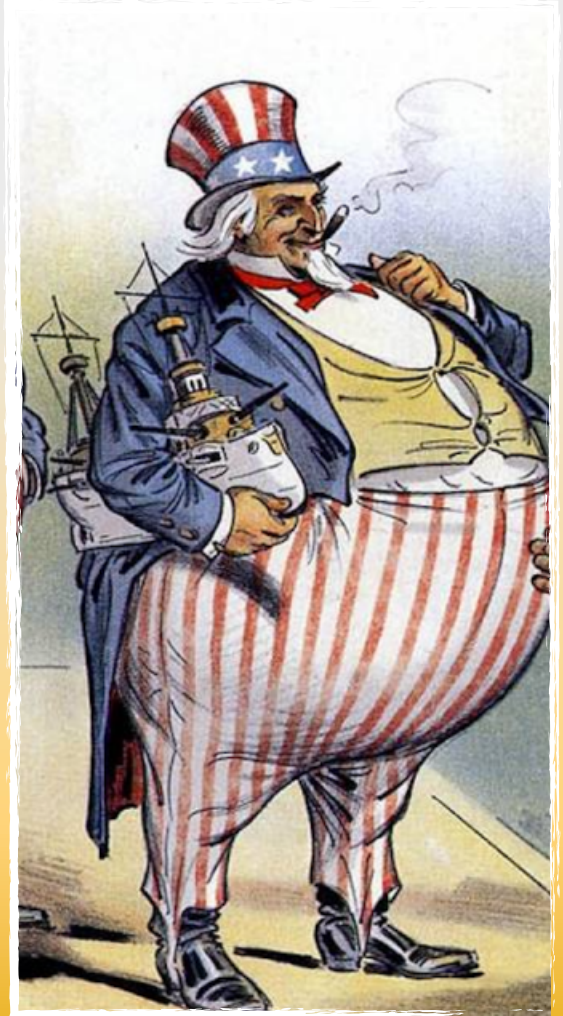
Describe Uncle Sam.

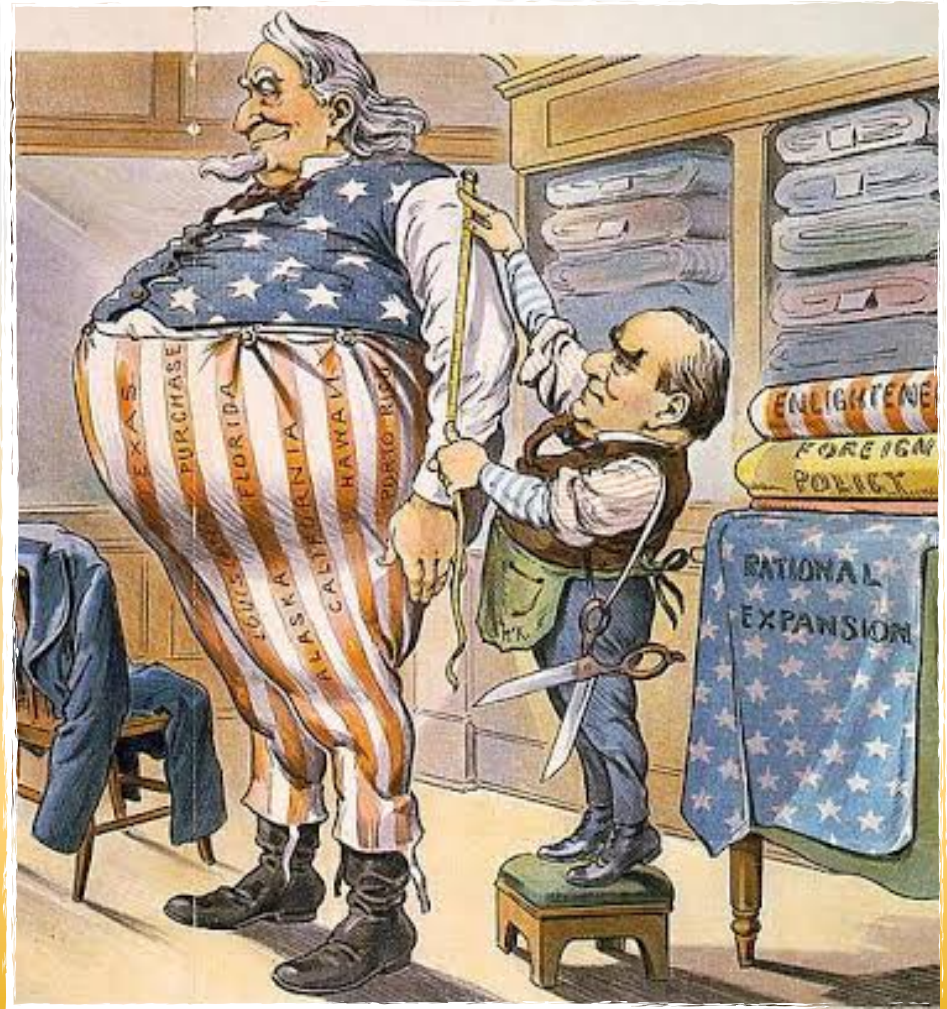
What does he look like?

What are his identifying characteristics?



- Top hat
- Wrapped in the flag
- Penetrating eyes
- Stern, with steel in his spine
- Tall, lean, wiry strong
- Masculine, mature
- Shock white hair, speaking to wisdom and purity



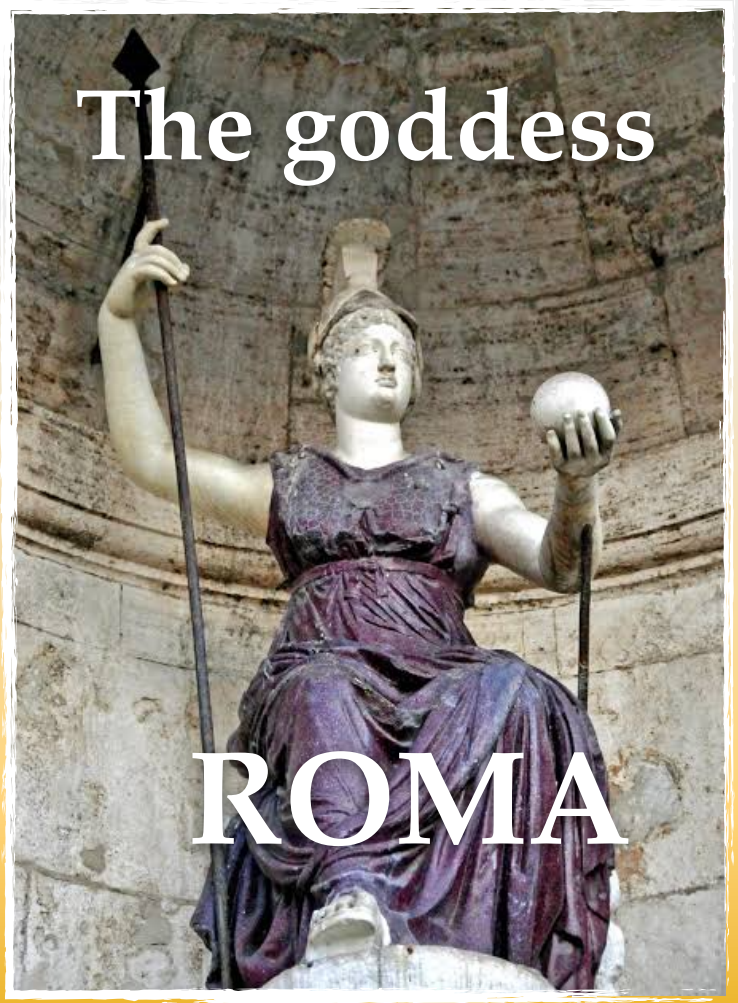

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- A virtuous, stoic matron
- Seated on seven hills
- Armed & armored like an Amazon
- At peace, but vigilant & ever ready for war
- A pile of trophies at her feet
- Cornucopias & city walls, speaking to the promise of prosperity & protection

Revelation 17:3-4 (ESV)

3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.

Revelation 17:5-6 (ESV)

5 And on her forehead was written a name
of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of
prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” 6
And I saw the woman, drunk with the
blood of the saints, the blood of the
martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I
marveled greatly.



Is the prostitute Rome? Absolutely.

"This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated." **(v. 9)**

Does she only represent Rome? Not at all.

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Babylon is the name of the ancient kingdom that first opposed God's rule and way in the world. Rome is but the contemporary manifestation in John's day of this God-defying world order.

John wants his readers to recognize that they are in the middle of a progression.

"[The seven heads] are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while." (**v. 10**)


750 BC
Tyre


Nineveh


Babylon

The prostitute rides the beast, thinking it will lead her into prosperity and glory, but we discover the terrible truth: the beast hates its rider and will be the agent of its destruction.

Revelation 17:5-6 (ESV)

16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, 17 for God has put it into their hearts to carry out His purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

These mighty, profane powers will fall in the face of the Lord's judgment.

Revelation 17:14 (ESV)

14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with Him are called and chosen and faithful.

“[She] made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.” (**Revelation 14:8**)

The intoxicating influence of this woman's wine will…

1) BLIND you to the true nature of the kingdoms of this world & their end;

2) NUMB you to the call of Christ & the reality of judgment;

3) REMOVE ALL YOUR DESIRE to resist her destructive influence.

“And Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?’ And the blind man said to him, ‘Rabbi, let me recover my sight.’” (**Mark 10:51**)

“He answered, ‘…One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’” (**John 9:25**)