

Revelation 17

(The Woman and the Beast)

- A. Chapters 17 and 18 is not a description of God's judgment as the previous chapters as they described the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments. These two chapters focus on (_____) rather than how. These chapters describe the (_____) before their final destruction.
- B. Identity of the great prostitute
- a. She is called the "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations" in verse 5
- Babylon is used to symbolize the (_____) in rebellion against God. (Rev.14:8; 17:18)
 - The Babylonians who eventually conquered the southern kingdom was known for their (_____).
 - Her lure is not physical dominance but by (_____) The kings and the people of the world are drunk with lust of sexual immorality after her. (v.2)
- b. She is seated on many waters. (v.1)
- Ancient cities were usually located (_____), either the ocean, a river, lake, or spring.
 - That was true of Babylon, which was located on the (_____).
 - To sit upon many waters signify the (_____) of her influence over (_____).
- c. She rides the scarlet beast. (v.3)
- This signifies that her power and influence is (_____). She is described as being arrayed in purple and scarlet as well.
 - Purple is associated with (_____) because of the value of purple clothing.
 - The color scarlet is often associated with (_____) in the bible.
 - These two colors combined signifies an (_____) of the beast and the harlot. Gold and jewels and pearls while pouring out abominations and impurities of her

sexual immorality is also a description of a powerful influence of her blasphemous nature of their kingdom.

ii. Satan is also described in (_____) as having seven heads and ten horns.

iii. Jer. 51:7

7 Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine; therefore the nations went mad.

d. She will be drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. (v.6)

i. Some believe that her rule will be through (_____) because of the use of the word mystery to describe her. (vs.5,7)

ii. The (_____) is commonly described as the mystery of God in the New Testament. The Satanic work seems to primarily try to mimic the work of trinity makes this view a possibility since it fits the other aspects of this vision. (Rom.16:25; Heb.10:1)

1. There seems to be (_____) that seem to work together for a short period, the beasts and the harlots. But eventually the beast will take control of the seven kings (v.11) and align the newly ordained ten kings (v.12) to overthrow her authority.

C. The angel's explanation of what John saw. (6-18)

a. The beast is described as, "was, and is not, and is about to rise...."

i. This is most likely in reference to the (_____) of the second beast in Rev.13:13.

ii. Those whose names have not been written in the book of life (_____) at the beast because of this fake resurrection as also stated in Rev. 13:3.

b. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated.

i. These are the nations that the woman rules through which will eventually be (_____) (v.11)

ii. Of the seven kings, five of them have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come. (v.9)

1. The five major empires that have fallen are (_____)

2. The one that stood during the time of John's writing was (_____).

3. The other one that has not yet come is Antichrist's (_____).

- c. The ten horns are kings who will receive
(_____) (one hour) just to handover their
power to the beast to wage war
(_____). (vs.11-14)
- d. The ten horns and the beast will eventually despise the prostitute and they will
(_____) as God had
put into their hearts to do. (vs.16-18)

Study Questions for Revelation 18 (Memory Verse Revelation 18:4)

- A. What is the angel's message in 18:1-3? Why is "Babylon the great" fallen (18:2-3)? How is Babylon describes in Isaiah 13:21f.; 35:11-15?
- B. What does it mean that she has "remembered her iniquities" (18:5)? How do you explain God's expression of vengeance in 18:6-7? What form does God's judgment take (18:8)?
- C. Why is there a three-fold mention ("one hour") of Babylon's quick judgment: (18:10, 17, 19)?
- D. How were all the nations deceived by Babylon's sorcery (18:23)?