

Revelation 17

The Woman and the Beast

Lesson 20

Because of His desire that all would be saved, God has revealed Himself to the world in many ways. He sent three sets of seven judgments giving many opportunities to repent and turn to Him. But when the people refuse and choose instead to worship Satan and the Beast over the Almighty God, from His throne in heaven God declared, "*It is done!*" (Revelation 16:17) At this point in the narrative, Satan and the kings of the world have gathered together at Armageddon to go to war against the Lord Almighty; but before the final battle is revealed, John was given a vision of God's judgment upon "*Babylon the Great*" and "*The Beast*".

Vision of the Great Prostitute – Revelation 17:1 - 6

1. One of the seven angels instructed John to come with him. What was John told he would be shown? (vs. 1)

2. Using vs. 2:
 - Who is involved with the great prostitute?

 - What draws them to her?

3. John was again transported "in the Spirit" by an angel who carried him to the earth. Where was John taken? (vs. 3a)

4. He saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast. In addition to the color, what else was revealed about this beast? (vs. :3b)

5. How was the woman dressed? (vs. 4a)

6. What was she holding? (vs. 4b)

7. What was written on her forehead? (vs. 5)

8. How was she behaving? (Rev. 17:6a)

The Interpretation - Revelation 17:7 - 17

9. When John was greatly astonished by the woman the angel asked his why. What encouragement did the angel give to him? (vs. 7b)

10. What did the angel say about the beast? (vs. 8a)

- Once _____
- Now _____
- Will _____
- And go _____

11. Using vs. 8:

- Then the angel talked about the inhabitants of the earth. Who among them will also be astonished?
- Why will they be astonished?

12. The angel said, "This calls for a mind with wisdom." What do the seven heads symbolize? (vs. 9)

13. What else do these seven heads symbolize? (vs. 10)

14. Who is the scarlet beast who once was and now is not? (vs. 11)

15. The angel revealed that the ten horns symbolize ten kings. What is unusual about these kings? (vs. 12)

16. What is the purpose of these kings? (vs. 13)

17. Using vs. 14:
 - What will they do?

 - Who will be the victor?

 - Why?

 - Who will be with Him and share this victory?

18. What did the angel say about the waters where the prostitute sits? (vs. 15)

19. What is the attitude of the beast and the ten horns toward the prostitute? (vs. 16a)

20. What will they do to her? (vs. 16b)

21. Using vs. 17:
 - Who is the one behind the desire to give the beast the kings' power to rule?

 - Whose purpose will this fulfill?

 - When will this come to an end?

22. Who is the woman? (vs. 18)

Think about it!

23. Why do you think the beast who seemed to be working with the woman (vs. 3-6) will turn against her and destroy her? (vs. 16)

24. Do you find any encouragement in this chapter?