

Lesson 23

Revelation 17

• Questions

1. What did one of the seven angels invite John to see (17:1)?

2. How did John describe the character of the harlot (17:2-4)?

3. How did John describe the appearance of the harlot (17:3-4)?

4. What was the name of the harlot (17:5)?

5. With what was the woman (harlot) drunken (17:6)?

6. How did John describe the beast that carried the harlot (17:7-8)?

7. What did the seven heads of the beast represent (17:9-10)?

8. What was the beast and where did he go (17:11)?

9. What did the ten horns of the beast represent (17:12-14)?

10. What did the waters of the harlot represent (17:15)?

11. What did the ten horns and the beast do to the harlot and who made them do it (17:16-17)?

12. Who did the woman (harlot) represent (17:18)?

• Digging Deeper

1. With what are the colors of purple and scarlet associated in the Bible (17:3-4)?

2. Where previous in Revelation are we told about Babylon and the beast (17:5-6)? What parallels or comparisons can be found between the beast of Revelation 13 and the harlot of Revelation 17?

• Applications for Today

1. Men in power often do immoral and abominable (detestable) things (17:1-5)? Who can do abominable things (Tit. 1:16)? Who will not be in heaven (Rev. 21:27)?

2. Faithful saints in John's day and today are killed (martyred) for the cause of Christ (17:6). How faithful to Christ are Christians to be (Rev. 2:10)? Who are two martyrs mentioned in the NT (Acts 22:20; Rev. 2:13)?

3. Worldly people are headed for perdition (destruction) while faithful Christians will overcome (17:7-15). Who are travelling the broad way (Mt. 7:13)? What is one way that a Christian can know if he is faithful (Mt. 25:21, 23; Lk. 16:10; 19:7)?

4. God controls the actions of kings (17:16-18). What is in the Lord's hand (Prov. 21:1)? Whose heart did the Lord turn in Ezra 6:22 and 7:27?