

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 231--Revelation 17)

Introduction: Two chapters in Revelation are devoted to a description of the destruction of the ungodly city of "Babylon, the great". She is the "great city, that rules over the kings of the earth. She has made herself drunk with the blood of saints and the witnesses of Jesus. She is worthy of the destruction experienced.

Lesson aim: To understand John's explanation of the symbols used in Revelation.

The great harlot is introduced--Rev. 17:1-6

1. Whose judgment does the angel propose to reveal? On what does she sit?
2. With whom does she commit immorality? Who is made drunk by the wine of her immorality?
3. Upon what was the woman sitting? How is the beast described?
4. How was the woman described? Was in the cup in her hand?
5. What was written on the woman's forehead? With what was the woman drunk?

The great harlot and beast are identified--Rev. 17:6-18

1. What does John say about the beast? (v. 8)
2. What do the seven heads of the beast symbolize?
3. How does John indicate the time in which Revelation was written?
4. What do the ten horns represent? What are they said to do?
5. What will the woman and beast do? (v. 14) Who will be victorious? Why?

6. What do the waters symbolize?
7. What did John say the ten horns and beast would do to the harlot? For how long will the ten kings give their authority to the beast?
8. How does John identify the city represented by the harlot?
9. Who might this harlot be?