

## THE FINAL ECUMENICAL CHURCH OF THE SCARLET HARLOT (Revelation 17:1-7)

\* Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2, 18:10, 18:21

### I. THE DECLARATION ABOUT THE GREAT HARLOT. (17:1-2)

#### A. Her PREDICTED CONDEMNATION. (17:1)

1. Her *destiny*... “*Come, I will show you the judgment...*”

\* What is the theme of this chapter?

2. Her *depiction*... “*of the great harlot who sits on many waters...*”

\* Why is the phrase “*the great harlot*” utilized here?

\* What does “*sits on many waters*” depict?

#### B. Her POLITICAL–RELIGIOUS COALITION. (17:2)

1. Her *political domination*... “*with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication*”

\* Why is a political connection necessary?

2. Her *religious deception*... “*and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*”

\* Can we expect great religious deception in the future?

\* What does all this tell us about her influence?

\* What are some basics about Babylon you should know?

## II. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT HARLOT. (17:3-7)

### A. Her VISUAL PICTURE. (17:3-5)

I saw a woman...

1. Her *authority*... “*sitting on a scarlet beast*”

\* What does this tell us about her support?

2. Her *apostasy*... “*full of names of blasphemy*”

\* What does this tell us about her fidelity to truth?

3. Her *alliances*... “*having seven heads and ten horns*”

\* What does this tell us about her political alliance?

4. Her *apparel*... “*arrayed in purple and scarlet*”

\* What does this tell us about her splendor?

5. Her *adornment*... “*adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls*”

\* What does this tell us about her wealth?

6. Her *abominations*... “*having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication*”

\* What does this tell us about God’s view of her religious practices?

7. Her *appellation*... “**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**”

\* Two things are clear from this name:

a. She is a “\_\_\_\_\_.” What does this mean?

b. She is a “\_\_\_\_\_.” Of what?

\* What are true believers commanded to do regarding her? (18:4-5)