

THE COUNTERFEIT CHURCH OF THE TRIBULATION... DESTROYED! (Revelation 17)

- I. THE DECLARATION ABOUT THE GREAT HARLOT. (17:1-2)**
- II. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT HARLOT. (17:3-7)**

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

I saw a woman...

- 1. Her authority and aid... “sitting on a scarlet beast”**
- 2. Her apostasy... “full of names of blasphemy”**
- 3. Her alliances... “having seven heads and ten horns”**
- 4. Her apparel... “arrayed in purple and scarlet”**
- 5. Her adornment... “adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls”**
- 6. Her abominations... “having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication”**
- 7. Her appellation... “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”**

* What does all of this tell us about this false religious system?

- B. Her VICIOUS PERSECUTION. (17:6)**

I saw a woman...

- 1. Her irritation... “drunk with the blood of the saints”**
- 2. Her infliction... “and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus”**

* Who is this false religious system’s target of persecution? Why?

* What did her persecution result in towards the saints?

* What did all of this result in with John?

- III. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GREAT HARLOT. (17:7-18)**

- A. Examining the DETAILS. (17:8-15, 18)**

- 1. Regarding “the beast.” (17:7-8)**

* Who is the beast?

* Where does he come from and where is he going?

* What else do we know about him?

2. Regarding “*the seven heads.*” (17:9-11)

* What do the seven heads represent?

* What does this tell us about the center of worship?

* What else do these verses tell us?

3. Regarding “*the ten horns.*” (17:12-14)

* Who do the 10 horns represent?

* When will they receive their kingdom?

* How will they use their authority?

4. Regarding “*the waters.*” (17:15)

* Who do the “*waters*” represent?

* What does this convey to us?

5. Regarding “*the woman.*” (17:18)

* What does the woman represent?

* What does this woman temporarily do?

B. Explaining the DESOLATION. (17:16-17)

1. The ELIMINATION of the RELIGIOUS SYSTEM. (17:16)

* Who destroys this false religious system?

* Why, and to what degree is it destroyed?

2. The EXALTATION of the ANTI-CHRIST. (17:17)

* What does the elimination of this religious system result in?

* How does all of this fit into the plan of God?

* How does all of this apply to you?