

# Revelation 17

## The Great Harlot Is Judged



- One of angels with 7 last judgments shows John the “**judgment of the great harlot**”

### Clues to identity:

- Sits on “many waters”
- Kings of earth “committed fornication” with her
- “Inhabitants of earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication”
- Sits on scarlet beast (beast full of names of blasphemy, had 7 heads, 10 horns—Antichrist)
- Wears purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls
- Has golden cup in hand, full of abominations, and filthiness of her fornication
- Wears name “**Mystery Babylon** the Great, The Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth.” (notice she is not alone in this harlotry—she is the “mother” of others!)
- Drunk with blood of saints, and martyrs of Jesus.
- John is stunned!** Can’t believe this (words imply he is shocked) Angel asked John why he “marvels.” Will tell him the mystery. Tells John beast was, is not, and will ascend out of bottomless pit and go to perdition. Inhabitants of earth (those whose names are not written in the Book of Life) will marvel.
- Spiritual wisdom required here: “seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.”
- Also **7 kings, 5 have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come** (at time John is seeing this, not in timeline of book!). “When he comes, he must continue a short time.”
- This beast is the “**eighth and is of the seven...**”

- 10 horns are 10 kings**, not yet come in John’s time, will receive authority “for one hour” (very short time) as kings with the beast. But will voluntarily give power to Antichrist, the beast, or the “eighth.”
- Will make war with the Lamb, **but Lamb will overcome them**, “for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings” and saints with Him are called chosen and faithful.
- Angel interprets:** waters are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues.
- 10 horns will hate the harlot, make her desolate, naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. Will give their kingdom to the beast.

“Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters...”

“Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her...”

“...was and is not...will to perdition... will marvel!”

“Here is the mind which has wisdom: 7 = 7, 7 = 5, 1 not get come...must continue for a short time...”

“...is of the 7 and is going 8th to perdition... 10/10 = 10 No kingdom as yet receive authority with 1 hour...”

“I marveled with great amazement.”

“Where harlot sits... 10/10 = 10...make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.”

“For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”

“...that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

“will overcome Lord of lords King of kings Called Chosen and Faithful”

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- Woman is “**that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.**” (only one answer to this—at that time it was Rome!)

(NOTE: Chapter 17 presents the harlot as the last false/apostate religious system, sponsored by Antichrist initially, but later destroyed. The Antichrist wants the world to worship him, and only him. Chapter 18 will present the harlot, “Babylon,” as the worldwide system in opposition to God—government, economy, business, etc.)