

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**  
**Chapter 17**

**OUTLINE**

**I. THE SCARLET WOMAN AND THE SCARLET BEAST (1-6)**

**A. JOHN IS APPROACHED BY AN ANGEL (1-2)**

1. One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls
2. Who offers to show him the judgment of the great harlot
  - a. Which sits on many waters
  - b. With whom kings of the earth have committed fornication
  - c. With whom inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication

**B. JOHN IS SHOWN THE SCARLET WOMAN ON THE SCARLET BEAST (3-6)**

1. He is carried away by the angel in the Spirit into the wilderness
2. There he sees a woman sitting on a scarlet beast
  - a. The scarlet beast
    - 1) Full of names of blasphemy
    - 2) Having seven heads and ten horns
  - b. The woman
    - 1) Arrayed in purple and scarlet
    - 2) Adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls
    - 3) In her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication
    - 4) On her forehead the name written:
      - a) MYSTERY
      - b) BABYLON THE GREAT
      - c) THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH
    - 5) Drunk with:
      - a) The blood of the saints
      - b) The blood of the martyrs of Jesus
  3. He marveled with great amazement when he saw her

**II. THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN AND BEAST EXPLAINED (7-18)**

**A. THE ANGEL OFFERS TO EXPLAIN THE MYSTERY (7)**

1. Asking John why he marveled
2. Saying that he will tell him the mystery
  - a. Of the woman
  - b. Of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her

**B. THE BEAST EXPLAINED (8-14)**

1. The beast that John saw:
  - a. Was, is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition
  - b. Will be marveled by those by those whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world when they see it
2. The mind which has wisdom:
  - a. The seven heads are seven mountains upon which the woman sits
  - b. There are also seven kings
    - 1) Five have fallen, one is, the other has yet to come
    - 2) When the seventh comes, he must continue a short time
  - c. The beast that was, and is not, is himself the eighth
    - 1) He is of the seven
    - 2) He is going to perdition (destruction)
  - d. The ten horns are ten kings
    - 1) Who have received no kingdom as yet
    - 2) But receive authority for one hour with the beast
    - 3) Who are of one mind, and give their power and authority to the beast
  - e. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them
    - 1) For He is Lord of lords and King of kings
    - 2) Those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful

**C. THE WOMAN EXPLAINED (15-18)**

1. The waters upon which she sits are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues
2. The ten horns (ten kings) on the beast
  - a. Will hate the harlot
    - 1) Make her desolate
    - 2) Eat her flesh and burn her with fire
  - b. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose
    - 1) For them to be of one mind
    - 2) To give their kingdom to the beast-- Until the words of God are fulfilled
3. The woman John saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth