**The Book of Revelation 17: 1-18**

**Basic Facts**

* John was shown the judgement of the great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* When John was carried away into a desert, he saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The woman holds a golden cup that was full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The woman John saw was drunk with the blood of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* When they behold the Beast, those whose names were not written in the Book of Life will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the seven kings have fallen.
* The ten horns John saw were ten \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The waters that John saw, where the harlot sits, are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The ten horns hate the harlot and make her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Phrases**

* *Great Harlot*: Prostitution frequently symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Nineveh, Tyre, and even Jerusalem are also depicted as harlot cities.
* *Sits on many waters*: This picture emphasizes the sovereign power of the harlot. The picture is of a ruler seated on a throne, ruling the waters, which symbolize the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Kings… committed fornication:* The harlot will ally herself with the world’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Scarlet beast*: This refers to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who for a time will support and use the false religious system to effect world unity.
* *Full of names of blasphemy*: because of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Having seven heads and ten horns*: This pictures the extent of Antichrist’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Seven Mountains:* The Greek word is often used of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many commentators interpret this expression to mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which sits on seven hills.
* *Seven kings*: Representatives of the seven great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and that of the Antichrist).
* *Five have fallen, one is, and the other:* When John wrote this book, the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Greek empires had gone out of existence; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ still existed; and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empire had not yet come. When it does, it will be brief and will end in perdition.
* *And is not.. the eighth:* The Antichrist’s kingdom is said to be both the seventh and eighth kingdoms because of his supposed demise and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *No kingdoms as yet:* Thus, the kings cannot be identified with any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figures.
* *Purple and scarlet:* The colors of royalty, nobility, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The woman is portrayed as a prostitute who has plied her trade successfully and become extremely wealthy.
* *A golden cup:* This is yet another evidence of the harlot’s great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; but the pure gold is defiled by the filthiness of her immorality.
* *Forehead:* It was customary for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prostitutes to wear a headband with their name on it, parading their wretchedness for all to see. The harlot’s forehead is emblazoned with a threefold title descriptive of the world’s final false religious system.
* *MYSTERY:* A New Testament mystery is truth once hidden, but in the New Testament revealed. Spiritual Babylon’s true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is yet to be revealed.
* *BABYLON THE GREAT:* This Babylon is distinct from the historical, geographical city of Babylon (which still existed in John’s day). The details of John’s vision cannot be applied to any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS:* All \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stems ultimately from Babel, or Babylon.
* *Great city:* Here is another identification of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon, center-piece of Antichrist’s empire.
* *These will hate the harlot:* After using the false religious system to unify the world kingdoms and gain control of all, the Antichrist – with the help of his ten sub-rulers – will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, plunder and destroy it, and seize all power and worship for himself. They will be carrying out God’s will.
* *Lord of lords and King of kings:* A title for God that emphasizes His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over all other rulers to whom He has delegated authority.

**Discussion Questions**

1. The scene in Chapter 17 opens with the image of a harlot. What does it mean to commit spiritual adultery?
2. What title did John see written on the harlot’s forehead and what does it mean?
3. What thoughts come to mind as you consider this religious Babylon? Have you heard this theory before?
4. What is the practical logic that accompanies this biblical imagery that supports the theory of this alleged identity?