

Revelation 17 b –

I. Revelation 17:1-6 Babylon the Harlot (Previous outline).

II. Revelation 17:7-14 The Mystery of the Beast

A. His Identity: Is this beast the same as the beast described in Chapter 13?

1. What are the similarities between these two? Is this enough to identify them as the same?
2. What are the differences? Why these differences?

B. The Historical Development of this Beast.

1. The angel says that the beast “was, and is not, and yet is”? (vs 8), and he is “the beast that was and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven” (11).
 - a) What does this mean (“was, and is not, and yet is”)?
 - b) How can this be (“even he is the eighth, and is of the seven”)?
2. The seven heads (vss. 9-11)
 - a) Also called mountains – what do these represent?
 - b) Why are ‘heads’ also called ‘mountains’?
3. Ten horns (vss. 12ff).
 - a) Why horns – what is the biblical use of this term ‘horns’?
 - b) Why ten? (Symbolic?)
 - c) Who are these and what do they do?

C. The End of the Beast (vs. 14)

1. How will the beast make war with the Lamb?
2. How will the Lamb overcome the beast?

III. Revelation 17:15-18 The Destruction of the Harlot

A. Recall the distinction in the chapter, and briefly identify:

1. The beast.
2. The harlot/city of Babylon.
3. The ten kings.

B. The Harlot/City

1. Described:

a) Sitting on the waters (15). Meaning?

b) "That great city, which ruleth" (18)

2. What is the overall message of these statements?

3. What is the identification of "waters" and why that figure?

C. Her Destruction.

1. Who will destroy her?

2. How is it that they will come to hate her?

3. What is the significance of the destruction described (vs. 16)?