

Revelation 17a

I. Revelation 17:1-6 – Babylon, the Harlot

A. General:

1. How are the visions of this chapter related to the events of chapter 16?
2. The woman is the significant element in the vision. Get a complete picture of her in your mind by noticing (in verses 1-18):
 - a. The names of this woman.
 - b. Her description and attire.
 - c. That on which she sits.
 - d. Where she is located.

B. What does she represent?

1. Possibilities:

- a. Some suggest Rome. What are the arguments for and against?
- b. Some suggest the papacy. What are the arguments for and against?

2. What is the meaning of the following:

a. A harlot:

- 1) The cup in her hand?
- 2) Mother of harlots and guilty of fornication with the kings and inhabitants?

b. Babylon:

- 1) Of what is the OT Babylon a type?
- 2) What has Revelation said about “Babylon” thus far? (14:8; 16:10; see also 17:19)

c. Sitting on the beast:

- 1) What is the beast?
- 2) Sitting on water, mountains, etc.?

3. What then is the meaning and significance of the woman and of this vision?