

Revelation
Chapter 17
Student

Contents: The doom of Babylon, the last great ecclesiastical order.

Characters: **CHRIST**, John, 7 angels, beast.

Conclusion: There will be in the Tribulation period a great apostate ecclesiastical system headed up under a powerful religious leader, drawing after it ***thousands of deluded worshippers***, who in reality are worshipping the devil and the beast. This enormous world-system will be brought to a fearful end and all those connected with it will share its fate.

Key Word: Mystery, Babylon, 5.

Strong Verse: 14.

Striking Facts: Many Bible students believe that we have here the Roman Catholic system headed up in a fearfully apostate state. A woman is symbolical of “church” (2 Corinthians 11:12). This woman (5) stands in contrast to the Church of **CHRIST**, which is a “chaste virgin.” The true Church is “espoused to one husband;” this one is given up to the kings of the earth. The Church is the “mystery of godliness;” this one is “mystery Babylon.” The Church offers “the cup of Salvation;” this one offers “cup full of abominations.” Mystery Babylon is rich, and it has its seat on seven hills (Rome). **CHRIST** is seen here as the, One Who shall overcome all false systems, establishing **HIMSELF** as **LORD OF LORDS** and **KING OF KINGS**.

Questions:

1. How was “the woman” dressed?

2. What did she have in her hand?

3. What will all of the kings of the world do?

4. What was John’s reaction when he saw the woman?

Discussion Question: Why do we admire evil people?