

**CHAPTERS 17-18**

**The Great Harlot Introduced – 17:1-6**

What is this “great harlot” being judged for? (*parallel 14:8*)

Upon what is the harlot sitting? (*v. 3*) What does this represent? (*see 13:1f*)

How is the harlot described? What title is she given? Upon what has she become drunk?

What does she represent? (*see v.18; also 11:8; 16:19*) What characteristics of this city are symbolized by all the imagery of the great harlot?

**The Mystery Explained – 17:7-18**

What is first explained about the beast ridden by the harlot? (*compare 13:3,12,14*)

What two things are represented by the beast’s seven heads?

What sequence of events accompanies the second symbol? (*v. 10*) Where is the current audience placed in this sequence and what should they anticipate? What will ultimately happen to the beast? (*v. 11*)

What do the ten horns represent and how are they described?

How will the beast and its horns be destroyed? (*v. 14*)

How will the great harlot be destroyed? (*vv. 16-17*)

### **Babylon's Fall Announced – 18:1-8**

What announcement is brought down from heaven? (*parallel 14:8*) How is the great city now described?  
What is she being judged for?

What command is given to God's people and why?

What is now being mixed in the cup of her immorality? (*compare 14:8; 16:19; 17:4*)

What has been her attitude through all of this? How is her judgment described?

### **Laments Over Babylon's Fall – 18:9-19**

How do the kings of the earth react to her judgment? What do they miss about Babylon?

How do the merchants of earth react to her judgment? What do they miss about Babylon?

How do all the laborers at sea react to her judgment? What do they miss about Babylon?

### **The Saints Rejoice in Their Vindication – 18:20-24**

How are the saints told to respond to her judgment? Why?

How is the fall of Babylon illustrated by the angel here?

What things will no longer be seen or heard in the great city?

What reasons are given for this judgment?