

## **The Great Harlot, The Kings, The Nations** **Rev. 17:1-7**

### **Introduction. Rev. 17:1**

1. The vision is introduced by one of the \_\_\_\_\_ who had one of the seven bowls.
2. God is revealing the answer to an important question: What are the purposes of God with regard to the world system, the people, and the nations of the world?
3. In 17:17, we learn two very important truths about the purposes of God.
  1. Nothing happens in the world system that is not according to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. God's purposes for the world system will be executed until \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Great Harlot. Rev. 17:1**

1. God now reveals the judgment of the great harlot. It is what \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Great Harlot is identified in vs. 5, \_\_\_\_\_ and is a reference to the world system.
3. In vs. 7, the angel encourages John by telling him the Harlot and the beast will be explained.

### **The Many Waters. Rev. 17:1**

1. She sits on many waters which means she \_\_\_\_\_ them or has \_\_\_\_\_ over them.
2. Vs. 15 tells exactly what the waters signify. \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Kings of the Earth. Rev. 17:2**

1. The kings of the earth are first mentioned in 6:15.
2. They are mentioned again in 16:14 where they are called the kings of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The kings have committed immorality with the many waters, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Both the kings and the nations were intoxicated with the immorality of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who are the kings? They are symbolized collectively by \_\_\_\_\_ with 7 heads and 10 horns in 17:9-10; 12; 18.

### **Summary of vs. 1-2**

1. John is seeing the truth about the history of the world.
2. God has a purpose for the world system, the kings, and the nations/people until His word is fulfilled.
3. The kings commit immorality (from God's perspective) with the nations which means that the kings and the people use each other to satisfy their lusts rather than find their satisfaction in God.
4. The kings and the nations/people are summarized as those who \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The immorality is controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Immorality is from the word *porneuo* meaning harlot or prostitute, someone who serves the lusts of another for money or a medium of exchange. The world system is a \_\_\_\_\_. It controls those who are addicted by offering a pleasure.
7. The Apostle John taught this same truth in 1 Jo. 2:16
8. The Apostle Paul taught this same truth in Eph. 2:1-3 and Col. 3:5-7.

### **The vision of the Great Harlot sitting on the Beast. Rev. 17:3-7**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ enables a person to see what God sees.
2. Why the wilderness?
  1. Where was Israel's harlotry performed and exposed?
  2. Where was Jesus tempted to commit immorality with the harlot?
  3. What happens to a person in the wilderness?
3. The woman sits (\_\_\_\_\_) on a scarlet beast .The scarlet beast (the kings of the earth) ....
  1. Scarlet is one of the three primary colors in the \_\_\_\_\_, thus signifying \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ex. 26:31
  2. Scarlet represents \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Scarlet symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Prov. 31:21
  4. Scarlet is the color of spiritual harlotry. Jer. 4:30
  5. ...is full of blasphemous names. They flatter and fool themselves thinking they are \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. ...has seven heads and ten horns. They are counterfeit gods counterfeiting perfection and power.
4. The woman is...
  1. Clothed in purple and scarlet, colors of the temple, wealth, royalty, and harlotry.
  2. Adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls, signifying the same characteristics. Jer. 4:30
  3. Offering a gold cup full of abominations and unclean things of her immorality.
    1. Abominations described the evil kings of Israel and other nations. 2 Kings 21:11; 2 Chron. 28:3;
    2. Abominations also refers to the immorality of Israel. Jer. 13:27
  4. Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth. Dan. 4:30
  5. Hostile to the saints and kills them (Rev. 16:6). Why? (John 3:20).
  6. To be explained.

**Practical application of God's judgment.**

1. What does the presidency or kingship of a nation offer the candidate?
2. How does one gain that power?
3. To fulfill the offer, what does an aspiring candidate have to offer the people?
4. To get what the candidate offers what do the people have to give?
5. What is the wine of her immorality?