# Revelation

## Lesson Eleven: The Woman & the Beast; the Fall of Babylon

**Revelation 17:1-7** *The Woman & the Beast*

1. The "woman" in Revelation 12 represents the true Church. Who does the "great prostitute" in Revelation 17 represent?

The Bible says that there will be many antichrists (2 John 7) and one great Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Revelation 17 & 18 describe the Antichrist. Let's turn to Scripture to identify who it is.

2. Fill in the blanks to identify the Antichrist based on clues from 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12.

2 Thess. 2:3 *Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.*

The Antichrist leads a _____ _____ against God.

2 Thess. 2:4a *He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God...*

The Antichrist elevates himself above _____.

2 Thess. 2:4b *...he sets himself up in God's temple...*

The Antichrist elevates himself in the _____.

Therefore the Antichrist is not a _____.

2 Thess. 2:4c *...proclaiming himself to be God...*

The Antichrist even calls himself _____.

2 Thess. 2:7, 8 *For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.[8] And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.*

The Antichrist was _____ when Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians. The Antichrist will keep working until _____.

Therefore the Antichrist cannot be an _____.

2 Thess. 2:9, 10a *The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.*

Satan supports the Antichrist with _____.

2 Thess. 2:10b *...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*

The Antichrist and his followers will be judged and will perish because they _____.

So who or what is the Antichrist?

3. What does it mean that the "great prostitute" of Revelation 17…

   "*sits on many waters*"? (v. 1)

   committed adultery with the kings of the earth? (v. 2)

   "*is dressed in purple & scarlet*"? (v. 4a)

   is glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls…holds golden cup filled with filth? (v. 4b)

   that her forehead reads: "MYSTERY"? (v. 5)

   that her forehead reads: "BABYLON THE GREAT"? (v. 5)

   that her forehead reads: "THE MOTHER OF ALL PROSTITUTES AND OF ALL ABOMINATIONS"? (v. 5)

**Revelation 17:8-18** *The Beast*

4. What does it mean that the "beast" of Rev. 17…

   "*will come up out of the Abyss… The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction*"? (vs. 8, 11)

   "…*was covered with blasphemous names…*"? (v. 3)

   has "*seven heads [that] are seven hills*"? (v. 9)

   has "*seven heads [that] are…also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come*"? (v. 10)

   has "*ten horns [that] are ten kings*"? (v. 12)

   together with "*the ten horns will hate the prostitute*"? (v. 16)