Questions on Revelation chapter 17

1. In what passage in *The Revelation* has the judgment of Babylon already been announced? Verse 1.

2. Can you name one Old Testament prophet who uses the image of a harlot? Verse 1.

3. Read Jeremiah's description of ancient Babylon and compare it with the great harlot. Verse 1.

4. In what way were the kings of the earth and other inhabitants of the earth guilty of what they were charged with? Verse 2.

5. Do you think the beast is the same as the one that came up out of the sea in Revelation 13:1? Verse 3.

6. What is the significance of the color scarlet? Verse 3.

7. What is the significance of the way the woman is arrayed? Verse 4.

8. That which the harlot would keep hidden is now unmasked and what is seen to be her true nature? Verse 5.

9. John said of the woman, "I wondered with great admiration (wonder, American Standard Version)." What did John see? Verse 6.

10. What was the mission of the angel? Verse 7.

11. This verse and the next three are said to be perhaps the most difficult in the book to interpret. Do you have any idea about the identity of the beast? Verse 8.

12. Dean Alford says that in reference to the woman (Rome) they are hills on which she sits, but in their reference to the beast they are kings. What do you think and what would John's original readers think about the harlot and the beast? Verses 9-11.

13. Do you think the angel had specific Roman emperors in mind, five of which were fallen, one was then on the throne, and another was yet to come; or, would the best solution be to adhere to the symbolic character of the book? Verses 9-11.

14. Since the number ten is symbolic of power, could this represent the total number of kings and kingdoms aligned with the beast, and the one hour signify a brief period? Verse 12.

15. In what way would the anti-Christian forces described be the antithesis (opposite) of the saints? Verse 13. (See Acts 4:32)

16. In the battle of the anti-Christian forces against the Lamb, who will win? Verse 14.

17. What are three characteristics of those with the Lamb? Verse 14.

18. According to the angel, what did the "many waters" represent? Would Rome fit that picture? Verse 15.

19. What happened when the ten horns (kings or kingdoms), who lusted after the harlot and committed fornication with her, realized their delusion? Verse 16.

20. What was God's objective in putting it in the kings' hearts to come to one mind? Verse 17.

21. Does this verse leave any doubt concerning the identity of the woman, Babylon, the harlot? Verse 18.

22. What do you think of the idea that Rome, mistress of nations, symbolizes the world-city, the world of lust, seduction, and the allurements of all that appeals to the flesh? Verse 18.