Chapter 17

Review Chapter 16 read chapter 17 change personal pronouns to third person in place of SHE for Babylon and Prostitute.

Thesis: punishment of the great prostituteRead the chapter, who sits by many waters. With the prostitute, the kings of the Earth and the inhabitants who drank her wine.

1. What do you think the Prostitute and Beast represent in John's vision?

2. Scarlet beast. Punishment of the great prostitute. Prostitute is probably a metaphor for false religion 'Many waters' is: people intoxicated with wine of adulteries (sins) not literally sexual misbehavior although that is included..

   Egypt, Syria ,Babylon, Persia, Greece, and the 7th Rome. Rome on seven hills. All are past cities of iniquity for the Hebrews

   Three riddles on the face of the beast:

   BABLON THE GREAT
   MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES
   AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

   Scene moves to the desert,

   Babylon is grammatically feminine. However the beast and woman on the beast are not females. Delete she from the chapter and see another point of view .

   Once was
   Now is not, (Only time now is not appears. Is Hades death? The beast will return it is the Eigth king)
   Yet will come (up from the Abyss)

   Paradox; Lamb is the Lord of Lords.
   The habitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life (past present tense) will be astonished when they see the beast:

   10 horns you saw (past tense) are 10 kings (nations) they have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. But…the lamb will triumph because he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings and with him will be his faithful followers.

   Verse 25 confirms that the waters are peoples, nations and languages (BABEL

and Babylon)

Verse 18: woman (they) is a city, scarlet beast, with seven heads and 10 horns. Personification.
The beast hates the woman seated on her? What are our thoughts is the beast subservient or in the dominant role?

The beast with ten horns will hate the prostitute. Eat her fish, burn her with fire, the woman is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.
Metaphor is here -by defined by John. III. Verse 15 early imagery defined. The waters are peoples languages and nations. Personification

Have wisdom. Directed to the reader. Keys to metaphor and imagery are here unlocked by John.

Indicates the coming of the new creation and the new Jerusalem in which Eden is restored. NIV

CLIMAX OF THE PLOT

- [x] They will wait to war against the lamb, but the lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of Lord and kings of kings-his followers will be with him