1. **The Harlot Babylon**
   a) Revelation 17:1,5 Why does the Bible use such strong language to describe this apostate power? (see also Revelation 18:3)
   b) How much influence does Babylon exert on planet earth? Revelation 17:2, 15
   c) Why is it so easy for the masses to be led astray after drinking the intoxicating wine of Babylon?
   d) What is the significance of the clothing the harlot woman is wearing? Revelation 17:4; Exodus 28:5–6, Exodus 30:9
   e) How does the name on the harlot's head compare with the name written on the high priest in ancient Israel? Revelation 17:6; Exodus 28:36
   f) What is Babylon's greatest sin? Revelation 17:6 (See also Luke 17:1–2)
   g) Why did John marvel with great amazement when he witnessed this scene in vision? Revelation 17:6
   h) What is your reaction to this startling revelation?

2. **The Harlot Woman and the Beast**
   a) What is the significance of the harlot woman sitting on a scarlet beast? Revelation 17:3
   b) How does John's description of the beast in Revelation 17:7–8 compare to Revelation 13:1–8?
   c) What is the meaning of the words “was, is not, and will ascend”?
   d) Revelation 17:9–13 What explanations have you heard regarding this passage?
   e) What should our attitude be if we don’t fully understand every aspect of a prophecy?
   f) What clear message does John give in Revelation 17:14a?
   g) What are some ways the combined forces of darkness make war on the Lamb?
   h) Where has this war on the Lamb been most clearly seen in your own experience?

3. **The fall of Babylon and the victory of the Lamb**
   a) Revelation 17:14 How does the Lamb overcome the combined forces of darkness?
   b) How do the redeemed participate in the Lamb’s victory? Revelation 12:11
   c) How can we have the assurance we will be part of those who are with the Lamb—“called, chosen, and faithful”? Revelation 17:14, Revelation 18:3, Revelation 14:1–4
   d) What are your thoughts about being numbered with those who are “called, chosen, and faithful”?
   e) How can we encourage others to be part of the “called, chosen, and faithful”?