

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)
Study Notes
Chapter 17 PT 2: Mystery Babylon – The Beast

Revelation 17:8-18 (NASB)

The Beast

⁸ ‘The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who live on the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and will come. ⁹ Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains upon which the woman sits, ¹⁰ and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. ¹¹ The beast which was, and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. ¹² The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. ¹³ These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

Victory for the Lamb

¹⁴ These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful.’ ¹⁵ And he said to me, ‘The waters which you saw where the prostitute sits are peoples and multitudes, and nations and languages. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. ¹⁸ The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.’”

Review:

Understanding: In **Revelation 17:7**, we left off with the Angel asking John a question: “Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven head and ten horns.”



Verse 8

Revelation 17:8 (NASB) – “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is...”

- It was (Past).
- It is not (In reference to the Anti-Christ).
 - In the time of John, it is in existence as Rome – The Sixth Head of the Beast.
- It is to come (Future).

Key: The angel states that this “Beast” existed in the past, it is currently not in existence at the time of John writing Revelation, and it is coming back at some point in the future.



Revelation 17:8 (NASB) Continued...

“...about to come up out of the **abyss** and go to **destruction**. And those who live on the earth, whose names *have not been written in the book of life* from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and will come.”

Important to Note: The Beast comes from the Abyss and goes to Destruction.

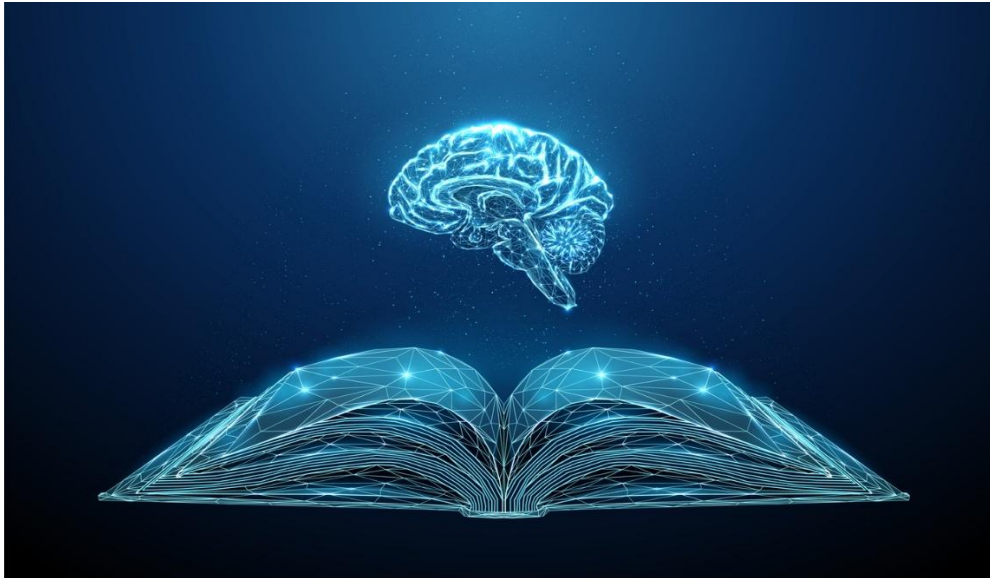
Abyss-(Greek)-abyssos-bottomless pit-(KJV)-the immeasurable depth, lowest parts of the earth used as a receptacle of the dead and especially the abode of demons.

Destruction-(Greek)-apoleia-perdition-(KJV)-utter destruction, a perishing, ruin, waste, with the idea of misery.

Key: The Anti-Christ coming **from** death to **bring** misery and death to the earth! John is given this revelation for the reader to take heed to the origin of the Beast, as he will not behave like where he comes from!

Verse 9

“Here is the mind which has wisdom” = “He that has an Ear”



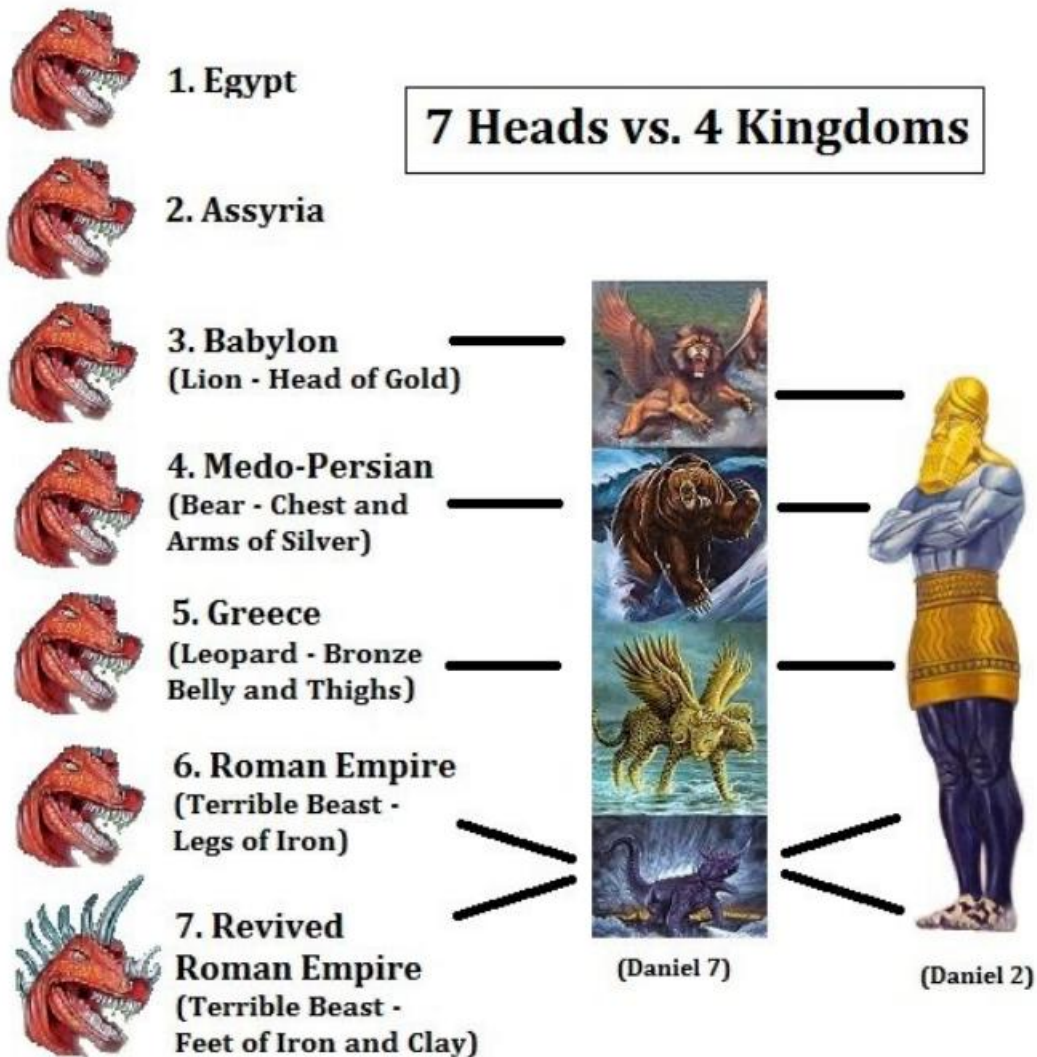
Key: When you see a phrase that starts off a sentence this way, it is trying to capture your attention to focus. But, only for...

- Those who have a human mind that is taught by the Holy Spirit.
- The wisdom of G-d is the Word of G-d.
- You can't have the wisdom of G-d without the Holy Spirit.

Verse 10

The Seven Heads = Seven Mountains = Seven Kings (The Woman Sits)

Revelation 17:10 (NASB) - “and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”



- Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece - Five Fallen.
- Roman Empire - In existence at the time of John writing Revelation.
- Revived Roman Empire - The One Head with Ten Horns: 10 Nations That Dominate and Serve the Beast (The Anti-Christ).

Verses 11-13

The Deception of the Ten Kings

Revelation 17:11-13 (NASB) – “¹¹ The beast which was, and is not, is **himself** also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. ¹² The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority

as kings with the beast for one hour. ¹³ These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.”



Key Points:

- The Beast starts off as part of the 7th Kingdom.
- The Ten Kings are deceived.
- The Ten Kings never have a Kingdom.
- The Ten Kings are given authority by the Beast for a short time (One Hour).
- They give the Beast their Power and Authority.
- The Beast eventually dominates and brings forth his Kingdom, the Eighth.

Remember: The enemy has no friends, and he has no partners. His only goal is:

John 10:10 (AMP) – “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy...”

KEY: Try to remember this one scripture the next time you think of playing with darkness.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (AMP) – “That which has been is that which will be [again], And that which has been done is that which will be done again. **So there is nothing new under the sun.**”

Note: There is NOTHING new under the sun! We must learn from the enemy’s tricks from the past!

The Beast is the proverbial “Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing”!

Note: The same day I was studying to teach this class the “Wolf Moon” was in the sky, the first full moon of 2025. I snapped a picture of it!



REVELATION: By the time the enemy has revealed himself, he has **already** been too close!

Verse 14

Victory for the Lamb

Revelation 17:10 (NASB) – “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful.”

- “**These**” are the Beast and all that followed him to destruction.
- **Good News!** The Lamb will overcome!
- **Why?** He is Lord of lords and King of kings!
- Those who come back to fight with Him are the Chosen **and** the Faithful!

Verse 15

The Religious System is Separate from The People



“The Waters where the Prostitute Sits”

- Peoples
- Multitudes
- Nations
- Languages

Remember: Never judge a people by what they participate in; G-d judges the heart. In the end you may be surprised by who is won over to Jesus!

Verses 16-17

“The Ten Horns and The Beast hate The Prostitute”

Revelation 17:16-17 (NASB) – “¹⁶ And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. ¹⁷ For **God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose** by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.”

- The Anti-Christ and the Ten kingdoms/Ten Kings (Political System) will work together to destroy the Religious System.

- The Anti-Christ with the authority and power of the Ten Kingdoms no longer has use for the Religious System.
- The Anti-Christ now declares Himself as god.



2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (KJV) – “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

Key: The Third Temple is the Ani-Christ’s objective – his Eighth Mountain/Kingdom!

Verse 18

Revelation 17:18 (NASB) – “¹⁸ The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

- The Great City in John’s Day was Rome.
- “Reigns” - current tense for the time that John is writing Revelation.
- The Whore of Babylon is the Religious System.
- The Religious System that came out of Rome and will reappear in the end times as the Revised Roman Empire.

Note: God used them all to “Execute His Purpose” by putting in the heart of the Political System and the Antichrist a common purpose... “the words of God to be fulfilled”!

Proverbs 21:1 (NASB) – “The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He pleases.”



Rest In His Sovereignty!

The End