

Brief on The seven heads and ten horns of the Beast¹

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The text

The first mention of the seven heads and ten horns is recorded in Apocalypse 12:

“And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns: and on his heads seven diadems.” (Apoc. 12:3)

The red dragon is Satan. The seven heads are seven successive kingdoms of Satan that dominated, are dominating, and will dominate the world. The ten horns are ten kings (or several kings, if ten is symbolic of many) that will rule under the ultimate and final Antichrist in the end times. The beast is not yet mentioned. He is the Antichrist and his precursors, human beings, whom Satan (the dragon) uses to rule his kingdoms on earth.

The next mention of the seven heads and ten horns is in Apocalypse 13. The Beast is the Antichrist and his precursors who serve Satan, the dragon:

“And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.” (Apoc. 13:1)

The seven heads and ten horns are again mentioned in Apocalypse 17. The Antichrist, the Beast, uses the Harlot to rule his seventh kingdom to bring him to worldwide power:

“And he took me away in spirit into the desert. And I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.” (Apoc. 17:3)

The seven heads of the Beast are seven successive kingdoms of the Beast

“And here is the understanding that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman sitteth, and they are seven kings: Five are fallen, one is, and the other is not yet come.” (Apoc. 17:9-10)

Hence the seven horns are seven successive kingdoms of the Antichrist and his precursors that dominate the world. In the days of St. John, five of these kingdoms no longer existed and one was and one was to come. The five successive kingdoms that no longer existed in St. John's day were the kingdom of Egypt, then Assyria, then Babylon, then Persia, and then Greece. The kingdom that existed in St. John's day and which dominated the world was the kingdom of the pagan Roman Empire, which is the sixth kingdom of the Antichrist. The apostate Jews who denied Christ and persecuted Christians became part of this sixth kingdom. The main persecutors of Christians, then, were the kingdom of apostate Jews and the kingdom of the pagan Roman Empire. The apostate Jews were the first and worst persecutors of Christians since they instigated the pagan Romans to persecute Christians. St. Paul says, “The unbelieving Jews stirred up and incensed the minds of the Gentiles against the brethren.” (Acts 14:2)

We learn from Apocalypse 13 that this sixth kingdom will be slain (destroyed). But it will be healed and thus resurrected as the seventh kingdom (head) of the Antichrist (the Beast):

“And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy... And I saw one of his heads as it were slain to death: and his death's wound was healed. And all the earth was in admiration after the beast.” (Apoc. 13:1, 3)

This is also recorded in Apocalypse 17:8:

“The beast, which thou sawest, was, and is not, and shall come up out of the bottomless pit, and go into destruction: and the inhabitants on the earth (whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world) shall wonder, seeing the beast that was, and is not.” (Apoc. 17:8)

The “beast that was” and the “head that was slain to death” was the sixth head and hence was the kingdom of the apostate Jews and the kingdom of the pagan Roman Empire. The kingdom of

the apostate Jews was slain in AD 70 when the Second Temple was destroyed and the apostate Jews were taken into exile and hence they were cast out of Israel. The kingdom of the pagan Roman Empire was slain when it was replaced by the Holy Roman Empire. The slaying of the sixth kingdom was made possible by Jesus Christ's death on the holy Cross and the promulgation of the gospel. When Christ died, Satan was chained for 1000 years and hence his power was greatly limited, which enabled Christianity to eventually conquer the sixth kingdom of the beast. (See Apoc. 20:1-3.)

From the time of its destruction, the sixth kingdom went underground and thus plotted and fought against the Catholic Church in secret and semi-secret. The main force against the Catholic Church in this secret and semi-secret kingdom is the apostate Jews, who form alliances with pagans and other unbelievers in order to attack the Catholic Church and faith until they can come to worldwide power. The pagans and these other unbelievers first come to worldwide power and then they bring the apostate Jews and the final Antichrist to power. The main allies of the apostate Jews are the Freemasons, who were created in the 18th century; and the Christian Zionists, who were created in the 19th century. And both are controlled by the apostate Jews, the former physically and the latter spiritually.

The war against the Catholic Church began to make steady progress from the time Satan was unchained in 1033, which began the Great Apostasy. From that point forward the underground sixth kingdom of the Antichrist began to make steady progress in re-paganizing the world and then Judaizing the world with Talmudic Judaism, which will be the religion of the final Antichrist when he comes to power.

When the pagans and other unbelievers come to dominate the world, with the help of the apostate Jews, the death wound inflicted upon the pagan part of the sixth kingdom is healed and is the seventh kingdom of the Antichrist, the seventh head. It includes not only pagans but other unbelievers, such as Freemasons, Christian Zionists, Protestants, Schismatics, and nominal Catholics. Nominal Catholics are the second most powerful ally of the apostate Jews, second to the Freemasons.

Once the pagan part of the sixth kingdom is resurrected as the seventh kingdom, then the wound of the apostate Jewish kingdom will be healed, and it will then dominate the world when the ultimate and final Antichrist comes to power. And this is the eighth kingdom that was made possible by the seven previous kingdoms, especially the seventh kingdom which brings the eighth kingdom to power. We read of this in Apocalypse 17:

“And here is the understanding that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman sitteth, and they are seven kings: Five are fallen, one is, and the other is not yet come: and when he is come, he must remain a short time. And the beast which was, and is not: the same also is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into destruction.” (Apoc. 17:9-10)

This beast of the eighth kingdom is the final Antichrist of the apostate Jews, whose precursor persecuted Christians in the early days of the Catholic Church; and he will persecute them much more so in the final days. And this eighth kingdom of the beast is destined to be destroyed upon the second coming of Jesus Christ—it “goeth into destruction.”

The seventh head (kingdom) of the beast that brings the eighth head (kingdom) of the beast to power is the United States of America, which was created in 1776 and is the political half of the harlot who sits upon the beast. However, it did not dominate the world until it dropped the two atomic bombs on Japan in 1945, which caused the whole world to fear and admire the USA. This event was prophesied in Apocalypse 13:13:

“And he [USA] did great signs, so that he made also fire to come down from heaven unto the earth in the sight of men.” (Apoc. 13:13)

This event, which occurred in 1945, was the beginning of the seventh kingdom of the Antichrist, the resurrection of the pagan Roman Empire as the USA, which is the modern-day equivalent of pagan Rome, and the epitome and utopia of the Freemasonic State. It dominates the world and spreads its apostasy and vices throughout the world. And it will eventually bring the

eighth kingdom of the Antichrist to world power, when the apostate Jews will rule the world under the final Antichrist and his false religion of Talmudic Judaism in apostate Israel.

The beast's seventh kingdom is publicly ruled by the USA but secretly ruled by apostate Jews and Freemasons. This beast is mentioned in the following verse:

“And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns, like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.” (Apoc. 13:11)

The USA pretends to be a lamb, a peacemaker, but is actually a dragon who unjustly subjugates nations by physical or economic warfare or by subversion from within.

The “former beast” also referred to as the “first beast,” mentioned in the following Verse 12, is the kingdom of apostate Israel which was slain and went into captivity in AD 70 but was healed in 1948 when the apostate State of Israel was created by the help of the USA (the harlot and beast of the seventh kingdom):

“And he [USA] executed all the power of the former beast [apostate Israel] in his sight; and he caused the earth, and them that dwell therein, to adore the first beast [apostate Israel], whose wound to death was healed.” (Apoc. 13:12)

The part of the sixth kingdom that was apostate Israel is referred to as the “former beast” because it was not resurrected until after the pagan part was resurrected. The pagan part was resurrected in 1945, and the apostate Israel part in 1948. Hence the apostate Israel part is referred to as the former beast when the pagan part existed but the apostate Israel part did not yet exist.

And the part of the sixth kingdom of apostate Israel is referred to as the “first beast” because it was the first to persecute Christianity and Christians before the pagan Roman Empire did. And it instigated the pagan Roman Empire to persecute Christians.

The next verse speaks of how the USA came to dominate the world:

“And he [USA] did great signs so that he made also fire to come down from heaven unto the earth in the sight of men.” (Apoc. 13:13)

This occurred when the USA dropped two atomic bombs on Japan in 1945 and the whole world was in awe and fear of the USA. The worldwide power of the USA, the beast's seventh kingdom, enabled it to glorify and promote apostate Israel, by force if necessary, and thus eventually bring the beast's eighth kingdom to worldwide power when the final Antichrist and apostate Israel rule the world:

“And he [USA] seduced them that dwell on the earth for the signs, which were given him to do in the sight of the beast [apostate Israel], saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make the image of the beast [apostate Israel], which had the wound by the sword, and lived [since it was created in 1948].” (Apoc. 13:14)

Not only does the beast's seventh kingdom of the USA give physical life to apostate Israel but it kills either physically, economically, or by imprisonment anyone who does not adore apostate Israel:

“And it was given him [the USA] to give life to the image of the beast [apostate Israel], and that the image of the beast should speak [upon the creation of the State of Israel in 1948]; and should cause, that whosoever will not adore the image of the beast should be slain. And he shall make all, both little and great, rich and poor, freemen and bondmen, to have a character in their right hand, or on their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, but he that hath the character, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Apoc. 13:15-17)

The last verse of Apocalypse 13 gives a clue as to the identity of the final Antichrist:

“Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man: and the number of him is six hundred sixty-six.” (Apoc. 13:18)

The political and ecclesiastical harlot sits upon the Beast and brings the Beast to power

The Apocalypse speaks of a woman (a harlot) who rides the beast who has seven heads and ten horns:

“And the angel said to me: Why dost thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast which carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.” (Apoc. 17:7)

“And there came one of the seven angels, who had the seven vials, and spoke with me, saying: Come, I will shew thee the condemnation of the great harlot, who sitteth upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication; and they who inhabit the earth, have been made drunk with the wine of her whoredom. And he took me away in spirit into the desert. And I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was clothed round about with purple and scarlet, and gilt with gold, and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand, full of the abomination and filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: A mystery; Babylon the great, the mother of the fornications, and the abominations of the earth. And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And I wondered, when I had seen her, with great amazement. And the angel said to me: Why dost thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast which carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.” (Apoc. 17:1-7)

The Antichrist and his precursors give power to the harlot and her precursors to rule his seven kingdoms, while the Antichrist and his precursors are ruled by Satan (the dragon). The harlot has two powers, political and ecclesiastical (physical and spiritual). Many times these evil kingdoms are referred to as Babylon. Her job is to fight against the one true God, Church, religion, and God’s chosen people. Hence she is responsible for the murder of all the martyrs:

“And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And I wondered, when I had seen her, with great amazement.” (Apoc. 17:6)

The ultimate goal of the harlot and her precursors is to bring the eighth kingdom of the beast to power, the final Antichrist and his eighth kingdom. And when her job is finished, the final Antichrist, as well as the ten kings who rule under him, will throw her off his back and kill her since she is no longer needed:

“And the ten horns [ten kings under the Antichrist] which thou sawest in the beast [the final Antichrist]: these shall hate the harlot [USA and Vatican City], and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her with fire. For God hath given into their hearts to do that which pleaseth him: that they give their kingdom to the beast [the beast’s eighth kingdom], till the words of God be fulfilled.” (Apoc. 17:16-17)

The final and ultimate harlot, then, rules the seventh kingdom and is killed when Antichrist comes to power in his eighth kingdom. The Apocalypse gives a description of the final harlot who rules the seventh kingdom.

The political half of the final harlot

In regard to the political half of the harlot, Apocalypse says the following:

“And he said to me: The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and nations, and tongues... And the woman which thou sawest is the great city, which hath kingdom over the kings of the earth.” (Apoc. 17:15, 18)

This is none other than the USA, which is populated by peoples of many nations and tongues and dominates the world.



**The Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island,
New York, USA**

The great city which has power over the world is New York City, the economic powerhouse of the world. A tribute to the harlot is the Statue of Liberty.

The names “Queens” and “Babylon” given to boroughs of New York are another tribute to the harlot.

Hence the political half of the harlot is the USA (the epitome and utopia of the Freemasonic State) that physically justifies apostate Israel, apostate Judaism, and the Antichrist by bringing them to power. After the end of World War II, the Freemasonic USA threw off its cloak of secrecy in bringing the eighth kingdom to power by its adamant and many times sole support of apostate Israel. The first success was the creation of the apostate State of Israel in 1948.

Apocalypse 18 gives a perfect description of the political half of the harlot, which is none other than the USA who is referred to as Babylon the Great.

It gives a description of this political half of the harlot (the USA and especially New York City) and her destruction, when she is thrown off the back of the beast. This political half of the harlot is the economic and military powerhouse of the world, which is full of all kinds of riches, has the most powerful seaports, and is the arts and crafts center of the world.

And Apocalypse 18 says that this harlot will be destroyed in one day, even in one hour:

“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be burnt with the fire; because God is strong, who shall judge her... For in one hour are so great riches come to nought; and every shipmaster, and all that sail into the lake, and mariners, and as many as work in the sea, stood afar off... And a mighty angel took up a stone, as it were a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying: With such violence as this shall Babylon, that great city, be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.” (Apoc. 18:8, 17, 21)

Other verses say that Antichrist comes to power in one day, one hour, which indicates coordinated limited nuclear strikes on selected targets around the world followed by immediate invasions:

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive power as kings one hour after the beast [the final Antichrist].” (Apoc. 17:12)

Hence the USA and many of its major cities, especially New York City and Washington DC, will be destroyed in one day, and hence this will be the day when this Great Babylon is thrown off the back of the Beast and falls.

But before the USA is destroyed, it will be ravished and weakened from within and then burnt with nuclear fire:

“And the ten horns [ten kings under the Antichrist] which thou sawest in the beast [the final Antichrist]: these shall hate the harlot [USA], and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her with fire. For God hath given into their hearts to do that which pleaseth him: that they give their kingdom to the beast [the beast’s eighth kingdom], till the words of God be fulfilled.” (Apoc. 17:16-17)

Apocalypse 18 ends with the following verse:

“And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” (Apoc. 18:24)

Indeed, the final harlot is the fulfillment of all the precursor harlots and thus is guilty of the blood of all the prophets and saints. The Antichrist and his precursors, as well as Satan, are also guilty of the blood of all the prophets and saints.

The ecclesiastical half of the final harlot, and the False Prophet

While the political half of the final harlot (the USA), physically justifies the Antichrist and apostate Israel, the ecclesiastical half of the final harlot (Vatican City, Rome) spiritually justifies the Antichrist and apostate Israel. Note how their two capitol buildings look the same.



United States Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.



St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

The ecclesiastical half of the final harlot is the nominal Catholic Church, whose home is in Vatican City in Rome. It spiritually justifies apostate Judaism and thus apostate Jews. Its plan ultimately succeeded from the time of the Second Vatican Council onward when it declared that apostate Jews are God's chosen people, blessed by God, under a covenant with God, and thus do not need to become Christians to be saved. This is the job of the False Prophet described in the Apocalypse. Hence there are three main evildoers during the reign of the Antichrist—Satan (the dragon), the Beast (the Antichrist), and the False Prophet:

“And I saw from the mouth of the dragon, and from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.” (Apoc. 16:13)

The apostate antipopes since 1130 were and are precursors to the ultimate False Prophet:

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” (Mt. 7:15)

“For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect.” (Mt. 24:24)

The only way these false prophets may possibly deceive the elect is if they are nominal Catholics because the elect (that is, faithful Catholics) will never follow self-professed non-Catholic religious rulers.

When the final Antichrist comes to power, the ecclesiastical half of the harlot will no longer be needed and hence will be thrown off the beast and destroyed on the same day and hour that the political half of the harlot (the USA) will be destroyed.² And most, if not all, of the nominal Catholic places, as well as Protestant and Schismatic places, in the world, such as churches and cathedrals, will be destroyed. When this happens, the final False Prophet will declare that Jesus Christ was not the Messiah, and he will point the world to the Antichrist as the Messiah. His declaration may sound something like this:

The False Prophet's declaration that Jesus is not the Messiah: “We declare, define, and decree that although Jesus Christ was a good man and meant well, he was not

² See Apocalypse 11:2 and its commentary for another description of the fall of Vatican City. And see Ezechiel, Chapter 9, for the Prophet Ezechiel's vision of the fall of Jerusalem and the Temple, which was a figure of the fall of Rome and Vatican City.

the Messiah. He was deceived by the Devil, as is evident by the massive failure and many contradictions of Christianity and the destruction of all the Catholic places in the world. This is a manifest sign from the God of Israel that Christ was not the Messiah and Christianity was a false religion and thus of the Devil. And the ascendant power of Mr. 666 [Antichrist's name] in Israel is proof that God is with him and thus he is the true Messiah."

After the final harlot is killed, the final Antichrist will then rule the world. We read this in Apocalypse 14 and 17:

Babylon (the harlot) falls: "And another angel followed, saying: That great Babylon is fallen, is fallen; which made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (Apoc. 14:8)

The Beast (Antichrist) comes to power: "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice: If any man shall adore the beast and his image, and receive his character in his forehead, or in his hand..." (Apoc. 14:9)

The harlot is destroyed: "And the ten horns which thou sawest in the beast: these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her with fire." (Apoc. 17:16)

The Antichrist comes to power: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive power as kings one hour after the beast. These have one design: and their strength and power they shall deliver to the beast [the Antichrist]." (Apoc. 17:12-13)

The ten horns of the Beast are part of the Beast's eighth and final kingdom

The ten horns of the Beast are ten kings (or several kings, if ten is symbolic of many) that rule the world under the final Antichrist. Hence they are part of the eighth kingdom (head) of the Beast:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive power as kings one hour after the beast [the final Antichrist]. These have one design: and their strength and power they shall deliver to the beast." (Apoc. 17:12-13)

The Prophet Daniel saw the same thing. Daniel prophesied in the Babylonian kingdom when it dominated the world; and he was given a vision of four successive kingdoms (beasts) that will dominate the world after the Babylonian kingdom—that is, the empires of Persia, then Greece, then Rome, and then the kingdom of the final Antichrist. The fourth kingdom, then, will be the final kingdom of the Antichrist, which is the eighth kingdom according to Apocalypse 17.³ The fourth kingdom mentioned in Daniel 7, then, is the final kingdom of the Antichrist that will rule the world for 3½ years (a time, times, and half a time); and it will make war against the saints and overcome them,⁴ which is also recorded in Apocalypse 13:

"And thus he said: The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be greater than all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces... And he shall speak words against the High One, and shall crush the saints of the most High: and he shall think himself able to change times and laws, and they shall be delivered into his hand until a time, and times, and half a time." (Dan. 7:23, 25)

In his vision, Daniel saw ten horns on the fourth beast. This is the same beast that has ten horns, as recorded in Apocalypse 12:3; 13:1; 17:12. And Daniel's prophecy tells us more about the ten horns:

³ The eight kingdoms mentioned in Apocalypse 17 are the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Grecian, Roman, the USA's since 1945, and the final kingdom of the Antichrist. (See in this book, p. 26.)

⁴ Regarding the Antichrist's war against the saints, see commentary on Apoc. 13:7.

“After this I beheld in the vision of the night, and lo, a fourth beast, terrible and wonderful, and exceeding strong, it had great iron teeth, eating and breaking in pieces, and treading down the rest with its feet: and it was unlike to the other beasts which I had seen before it, and had ten horns. I considered the horns, and behold another little horn sprung out of the midst of them: and three of the first horns were plucked up at the presence thereof: and behold eyes like the eyes of a man were in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things.” (Dan. 7:7-8)

“And the ten horns of the same kingdom shall be ten kings: and another shall rise up after them, and he shall be mightier than the former, and he shall bring down three kings.” (Dan. 7:24)

The ten kings are ruling just previous to the public reign of the final Antichrist and help to bring him to power. The Antichrist is ruling them in secret. Three of the kings will rebel against the Antichrist. And when he comes to public power, he will pluck them up, remove them from his kingdom.

Daniel also saw the second coming of Christ, who will conquer the fourth beast, the final Antichrist, and his evil kingdom. See Dan. 7:12-14, 27-27.

The identity of the ten horns (kings)

The ten kings (horns) are China, Russia, European kings who actually work against Europe, and possibly India. The Antichrist will use China to conquer Vatican City (Rome), Europe, and the USA. And he will use Russia to conquer South America. All this occurs in one day and begins the public reign of the Antichrist. However, three of the kings will rebel against the Antichrist, two of which are China and Russia. I have no opinion as of yet on who the third king will be.

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