

APPENDIX 5 - THE SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS

THE SEVEN HEADS REVELATION 17:9 AND DANIEL 2:31-35

In Revelation 12 and 13, John shares visions that feature intimidating creatures with seven heads - specifically, a dragon and a leopard. These striking images symbolize Satan and the Antichrist. Moreover, the dragon and its seven heads reappear in Revelation 17, sparking intrigue and questions among scholars and theologians about the underlying meaning behind these heads. Revelation 17:9 presents a riddle, offering a pathway to unraveling this mystery:

Revelation 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (KJV)

The Bible often uses rich symbolism, with “mountains” commonly representing “kingdoms.” This symbolic interpretation is notably seen in Daniel's writings. Specifically, in Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, and 45, a stone transforms into a massive mountain that fills the whole earth, symbolizing the Christian kingdom. This example underscores the idea that mountains typically represent powerful dominions in a biblical context.

The natural question arises: If these seven heads symbolize seven kingdoms, which historical or prophetic kingdoms are they referring to? To find answers, we look at King Nebuchadnezzar's puzzling dream in Daniel 2. This dream was so troubling that King Nebuchadnezzar summoned the brightest minds of his kingdom, including wise men and magicians. Their challenge was to interpret the dream and recount it without having been told about it, testing their proclaimed wisdom. Their failure angered the king, putting their lives in jeopardy.

In this desperate situation, Daniel, along with his faithful friends, turned to God in fasting and prayer. In response, God granted Daniel the vision of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel saw a majestic statue with a golden head, silver chest and arms, brass belly and thighs, iron legs, and feet mixed with iron and clay. A stone, appearing suddenly, struck the statue's feet, causing it to crumble, and the wind blew away its remains. Daniel didn't just recount the dream (Daniel 2:31-35) but also provided its interpretation (Daniel 2:36-45), deepening the biblical concept of “mountains” as “kingdoms.”

Now, let's examine these passages:

Daniel 2:31-35 (Dream) Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. ³² This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms

of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, ³³ His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴ Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ³⁵ Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (KJV)

Daniel 2:36-45 (Interpretation) This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. ³⁷ Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸ And whosoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. ³⁹ And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. ⁴¹ And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. ⁴³ And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. ⁴⁵ Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. (KJV)

COMMENTARY (DANIEL 2:31-35 AND DANIEL 2:36-45)

The dream (Daniel 2:31-35) and its interpretation (Daniel 2:36-45) reveal that the different parts of the image symbolize various kingdoms throughout history. The head of gold represents the Babylonian Empire, followed by the Persian Empire, depicted by the breast and arms of silver. The belly and thighs of brass represent the Grecian empire, while the legs of iron symbolize the Roman empire—the feet of iron and clay point to the nations where the Jews were scattered. Lastly, the stone cut without hands represents Christ and His followers. Notably, the visions foretold in the dream, and Daniel's

prophetic interpretation unfolded in history.

1. The Babylonians exerted their control over Judah from 608 BC to 538 BC. It's worth noting that before the Babylonian conquest, the ten Northern Tribes of Israel had already been conquered and dispersed by the Assyrians in 722 BC. The Jewish tribes from that kingdom were scattered across regions encompassing present-day Europe, the Middle East, India, and China. One hundred and fourteen years later, the Babylonian captivity occurred, resulting in a second dispersion of Jews to Egypt and Babylonia. The Babylonians demolished the temple, inflicted casualties, and forced the remaining survivors into exile. Many of those who remained chose to flee to Egypt.
2. The Persians emerged as the conquerors and occupants of the land of Israel from 538 to 332 BC. Babylon fell under the dominion of the Medes and Persians combined forces.
3. The Grecians, led by Alexander the Great, conquered and ruled over the land of Israel from 332 to 63 BC. (see Daniel 8:20- 21; 10:20-11:14).
4. The Roman Empire established its dominion over Israel from 62 BC to 638 A.D.
5. The Jewish people experienced multiple dispersions among various nations. These dispersals occurred on five different occasions.
 - a. The first dispersion occurred in 722 BC when the Assyrians exiled the ten Northern Tribes, resulting in their scattering.
 - b. The second dispersion happened in 608 BC when the Babylonians exiled Judah.
 - c. The third dispersion occurred during Roman rule over the Jews. The Jews endured mistreatment and heavy taxation and ultimately revolted in 66 A.D. This rebellion led to the Roman siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which lasted six months. Eventually, the Romans breached the city walls, destroyed the temple, and devastated the entire city, resulting in the slaughter of tens of thousands of citizens.
 - d. The fourth dispersion took place sixty-two years later, in 132 A.D. Another Jewish rebellion erupted, lasting three years. The Roman Emperor Hadrian responded with extreme brutality, killing nearly 600,000 Jews and decimating 50 fortified towns and around one

thousand villages. Many Jews were sold into slavery, and Jerusalem became off-limits to them. The name of the Jewish homeland, Judah, was changed to Syria Palestina, the Latin word for Philistines. Following these events, only a few Jews remained in their land, mainly settling in Galilee and Tiberias. The majority of Jews were scattered to foreign nations, fulfilling biblical prophecies. The passage in verse 43 of Daniel refers to the iron never mixing with the miry clay, symbolizing that the Jews maintained their distinct identity despite being dispersed among various nations throughout the centuries.

- e. The fifth dispersion is a future event that is yet to occur known as the Abomination of Desolation as described in Revelation 12:6, Matthew 24:15-18, Mark 13:14-16, and Luke 21:21, 22. This dispersion will signal the start of the Seven-Year Tribulation.
- 6. The Christian kingdom became dominant when Christ began His ministry in 30 A.D. This kingdom continues to expand day by day and will endure for eternity. It is a kingdom with an unseen King and a host of invisible angels.

Revelation 17:9 says, “Seven *heads are seven mountains.*” And Daniel 2 outlines the following six historical kingdoms:

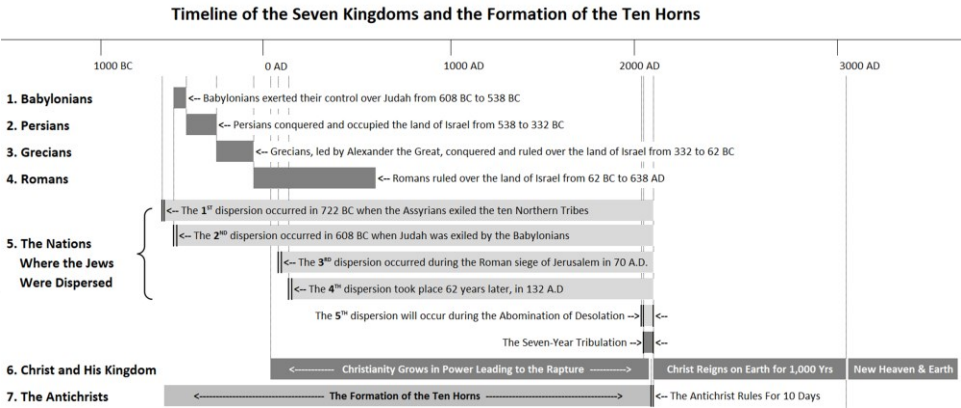
1. the Babylonians,
2. the Persians,
3. the Grecians,
4. the Romans,
5. the nations where they were dispersed, and
6. Christ and His kingdom.

The seventh kingdom, not directly mentioned in Daniel 2, represents the Antichrist kingdom, which has been present in fragmented forms throughout history. This kingdom is considered subordinate or secondary compared to the sixth kingdom, Christ and His Church. The Antichrist kingdom is comprised of godless leaders who oppose God's divine purpose for the nations. And this kingdom awaits its ascent to dominance on Earth. However, this ascent will only occur after Christians are raptured (see Chapter 4.4) and after the Day of Destruction (see Chapters 5.1 through 5.5).

The woman, representing an unseen city of demons, is seated on these seven mountains, indicating her involvement and desire to significantly influence these kingdoms.

These seven kingdoms are represented on a timeline that stretches from 722 BC to the

present (as illustrated below):



THE TEN HORNS REVELATION 17:12-14)

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

¹³ These have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

¹⁴ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen, and faithful (KJV)

COMMENTARY (REVELATION 17:12-14)

In Revelation 17:12-14, we continue with the scarlet beast, focusing on the meaning behind the ten horns. Revelation 17:12 begins by stating that the ten horns are ten kings. Then, verses 12 through 14 provide the following five characteristics of the ten horns:

1. They are “ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet.” (verse 12)
2. They will “receive power as kings for one hour with the beast.” (verse 12)
3. They “have one mind and give their power and strength unto the beast.” (verse 13)
4. They “will make war with the Lamb.” (verse 14)
5. They will “be destroyed by the Lamb, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen, and faithful (verse 14)

The ten horns symbolize ten kings who, at the time, will not yet have kingdoms. Their precise identities remain a topic of debate. It's theorized that these ten kings could represent unelected leaders of economic, monetary, or military alliances. In theory, the most significant and influential global alliances could resemble the following list:

1. United Nations (UN) - A global organization that maintains international peace and security.
2. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) - A military alliance of North American and European countries established for mutual defense against aggression.
3. European Union (EU) - A political and economic union of European countries promoting integration and economic cooperation.
4. Group of Seven (G7) - An organization of the world's seven largest International Monetary Fund, advanced economies, including Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
5. Group of Twenty (G20) - An international forum of governments and central bank governors from 19 countries and the European Union representing significant economies.
6. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) - A group of 13 major oil-exporting nations aiming to coordinate and unify petroleum policies.
7. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) - A Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance seen as a counterbalance to NATO.
8. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) - A regional intergovernmental organization comprising ten Southeast Asian countries promoting intergovernmental cooperation.
9. BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) - An association of five major emerging national economies known for their significant influence on regional and global affairs.
10. Five Eyes (FVEY) - An intelligence alliance comprising Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

These alliances influence global policies and actions in their respective spheres of influence. Nonetheless, this is merely speculative, and it's important to consider such theories with caution and flexibility.

Let's expound on the six characteristics of the ten horns of Revelation 17:12-14.

1. In Revelation 17:12, these ten kings have "received no kingdom as yet," indicating that they don't hold executive powers over any military. They are merely unelected officials assigned to their respective alliances. Throughout history, nations have formed coalitions or alliances. These alliances will

continue to grow clout and be overseen by unelected officials. The ten alliances will continue gaining power during the Seven-Year Tribulation, particularly in the second half and especially towards the end.

2. In Revelation 17:12, they will eventually "receive power as kings for one hour with the beast." As you might remember, the Day of Destruction was marked by a devastating global nuclear war that led to the weakening of both military forces and economies worldwide. In the aftermath of such devastation, combined with the sudden absence of Christians, the conditions were primed for these leaders to ascend into power, eventually being hailed as the de facto rulers of a restructured global order. When will they receive power as kings? Immediately after the 7th Woe, when God overthrows the demonic kingdoms, these unelected officials will gain authority akin to that of kings. They will gain executive powers over the militaries for a brief span of 'one hour' and wield this newfound power in tandem with the Antichrist, albeit a short one hour.
3. Revelation 17:13 says they "have one mind and give their power and strength unto the beast. After being recognized as world rulers, the leaders of these alliances will, after the 7th Woe is completed, agree to transfer their power to the Antichrist and declare his kingship over the new world order. However, unbeknownst to the Antichrist, this earthly power transition is insignificant as it happens just after the 7th Woe. By this time, Christ, the true king, has already commenced His rule in the spiritual realm, quietly hoping for humanity to recognize their transgressions, repent, and seek His guidance. Meanwhile, the Antichrist operates under the delusion of grandeur, oblivious to his inconsequential role in the grand scheme of things.
4. In Revelation 17:14, they "will make war with the Lamb." After they transfer their power to the Antichrist, they amp up their persecution of Christians and Jews. The Christians who were "left behind" are the ones who will be persecuted. The psalmist describes these alliances accurately in Psalm 2:1-3:

Psalm 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and his anointed, saying, ³ Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us (KJV)

The Ten Horns will "Hate the Whore." These leaders of the ten alliances will also seek to destroy the victims of the human traffic industry and those who participate in the sex trade industry, a topic of discussion in Chapter 7.3.

5. Eventually, the Antichrist, the leaders of the ten alliances, and their followers will “be destroyed by the Lamb, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings (Rev 17:14). This proclamation hints at the 2nd Coming when Christ, riding a white horse and wielding a sword from His mouth, arrives to judge. Joined by a multitude of heavenly saints, also on white horses, He will decisively defeat the Antichrist and his armies, casting them into the Lake of Fire. This significant event is commonly known as the 2nd Coming, which we will delve into more deeply in Chapter 7.5.

On the timeline, the ten horns

- Share power with the Antichrist for one hour following the 7th Woe.
- Will hate the whore for ten days by targeting the victims of human trafficking, and
- Will be destroyed by Christ along with the Armageddon Army and those who align with the ten axes of evil.

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5	Day of Destruction	5.1 - Seven Angels (7 TH SEAL)	8:1-6	15:1-8	<-- 30 Minutes of Silence (Rev 8:1)
		5.2 - Earth Burnt (1 ST Woe)	8:7	16:1-2	<-- Fires throughout the globe
		5.3 - Seas Destroyed (2 ND Woe)	8:8-9	16:3	<-- Wildlife and ships destroyed.
		5.4 - Waters Poisoned (3 RD Woe)	8:10-11	16:4-7	<-- Water sources destroyed
		5.5 - Skies Darkened (4 TH Woe)	8:12-13	16:8-9	<-- Smoke darkens the skies
6	2 ND 3.5 Years	6.1 - Torment, 5 mo. (5 TH Woe)	9:1-12	16:10-11	<-- The World Is Tormented for 5 months (Rev. 9:5)
		6.2 - Armageddon (6 TH Woe)	9:13-21	16:12-16	Formation of the Armageddon Army (Rev 16:16)
		6.3 - The Mighty Angel	10:1-11		The Mighty Angel (Christ) -->
		6.4 - John Measures The Temple	11:1-2		42 Months (1,239 Days) (Rev 11:1-2) Jerusalem Occupied
		6.4 - Two Witnesses	11:3-10		Two Witnesses (1,260 Days) (Rev 11:3)
7	Days of Awe	7.1 - The Lord Reigns (7 TH Woe)	11:15	16:17-21	In one hour, the Forces of Darkness Retreat -->
		7.2 - The Great Whore		17:1-7	Babylon Will Continue To Lure Humanity into Fornication
		- The Seven Heads		17:7-11	The Antichrist Kingdom Will Increase In Power
		- The Ten Horns		17:12-14	The Ten Horns Will Reign for One Hour With the Beast -->
		- The Judgement		17:15-18	The Ten Horns Shall Hate the Whore -->
		7.3 - Fall of Babylon		18:1-24	A Plea to Repent or Face Consequence -->
		7.4 - Heaven Exalts	11:16	19:1-10	Heaven Exalts -->
		7.5 - 2 ND Coming	11:17-19	19:11-21	Christ Destroys The Beast, the Armageddon Army, and Sinners -->