

REVELATION CHAPTER 17 part 2

The Beast and his 10 Kings!

Basic and General Study of Revelation
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REV.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.

REV.17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Because these ten kings, kingdoms or powers had *"received no kingdom as yet"* during John's Day, at the time of the 6th head, the Roman Empire, it's obvious that these *"ten horns"* are all on the final seventh head, the Antichrist! *"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the Beast."*

In the Book of Daniel, these same 10 powers who will cooperate with and help put the Antichrist into power are described in further detail in *Daniel 2:34, 41-43 and Daniel 7:7, 8, 20-24.*



REV.17:14 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.

These horns are the ten rulers and/or nations that unite with the Antichrist, and are the core of his empire, who, along with the Beast, even go so far as to make war against Jesus Christ, the King of kings, and do so by initially persecuting those who believe in Jesus, and finally try to take on Jesus Himself in the Battle of Armageddon. The good news and happy ending is that the “*Lamb*”, Jesus, wins and overcomes them!!!
(Rev.12:11; 19:19-21)



Empire in the last days with ten nations who give their power to the final Antichrist Roman-like dictator. It's sort of a continuation of Rome, such as the iron which continues from the legs on into the feet and the toes of Daniel's chapter 2 Image:

*"His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. And the fourth kingdom (**Rome**) 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. 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. **And in the days of these kings (ten toes)** 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!**"*
(Dan.2:33, 40, 41, 44)



In chapter 7 of the book that bears his name, Daniel had a vision of four beasts. Similar to the heads on the Beast in Revelation, these beasts represent empires that dominated Israel. In that chapter the first three beasts represent Babylon, Persia, and the Empire of Alexander the Great. The fourth kingdom, a monstrous beast, represents the empire of Rome:

**** Dan.7:7, 8, 21, 22** *“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge **iron teeth**... **and it had ten horns**. I was considering the horns, **and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them**, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn (**the Antichrist**) the **eyes of a man**, **and a mouth speaking pompous words**. I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the **beast was slain**, and its body destroyed and **given to the burning flame**.”*





How many horns did the fourth Beast there in Daniel 7 have? --Ten! How about the final seventh head of the Beast of this chapter, how many horns did it have? --Ten! Each of these has ten. The ten toes in Daniel 2 symbolise the same thing that the ten horns from Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17 symbolise. --Ten final kings or nations or powers of the End time Antichrist Empire, which may come from the remains of the ancient Roman Empire. Many of the nations of modern Europe were part of the Roman Empire. Could the European Union be a precursor of the core of the Antichrist Empire of the future who ***“will give their power and strength to the Beast?”*** It is still unclear but as we advance into these last days, we will understand more.

“...are called, and chosen, and faithful” Are you called? Why were you chosen? Because He knew you were going to choose Him! Before the foundation of the Earth, He knew who was going to choose Him and who wasn't. So that's why you were chosen!

REV.17:15 And he saith unto me, **the waters** which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are **peoples**, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. (See also **Isaiah 17:12-13**, **Jer.51:12c-13**)

REV.17:16 And the **ten horns** which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore**, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

REV.17:17 For **God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will**, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the **beast**, until the words of **God shall be fulfilled**.

It is God Who has put this in the hearts of these kings both to serve the Beast, the Antichrist, and work with him, and to destroy the Whore. -- This is a part of the judgements of God! The Beast and his ten kings devour her, pitch into her, burn her with fire and destroy her!



This great harlot sits on all the peoples of the world and rides these empires like a mistress, as though she was their owner. And indeed, she is. What or who has pulled the strings and dominated every empire? —those who controlled the financial and commercial interests. Further ahead we learn about this Harlot empire, *“Thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”* (Rev.18:23)

MYSTERY!.. BABYLON THE GREAT WHORE!



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The intoxicating wine that she serves to the nations can be summed up as materialism, defined in this case as the devotion to material wealth and possessions at the expense of spiritual or intellectual values. Isn't a big, gaudy, decadent whore who throughout all ages oppresses all with her extravagances and abominations a fitting symbolism of the power of materialism?

But finally, the Beast itself has had enough of carrying this harlot. So, this last head of the Beast, with his ten horns, the Antichrist Empire, turns on her with hatred and vengeance, leaves her desolate and naked, and burns her with fire. In the first three-and-a-half years of his seven-year reign, the Antichrist cooperates with Babylon, the whore.

But then he turns on her, his only competition, and destroys her! He will destroy the World Materialistic System and demand a new religion - worship of HIMSELF as God! --The Devil in the flesh, the Devil incarnate! He will say, *"I am God! Stop worshipping all these things, all these religions! Stop worshipping wealth and the capitalist system, I am God! Stop worshipping this Harlot of materialism you've always worshipped! From now on, I am God, worship me!"* So, he destroys her, so they'll only worship him! But how will they do that? How do they attack a spiritual entity? Because she is not just a spiritual entity. The next verse goes on to explain:



REV.17:18 And the **woman** which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

**** ZEP.3:1-2** Woe to her **that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!** She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

**** NAH.3:1** Woe to the **bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery;** the prey departeth not;

**** NAH.3:4-6** Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. Behold, **I am against thee**, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and **I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.** And **I will cast abominable filth upon thee**, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing stock.



A thought: Materialism is at the core of the profit-driven system that dominates the economies and nations of today. If we look around us, there is no single place today that epitomizes the devotion to material wealth and possessions more than the United States. And if there is any one great city of the USA that reigns financially over the kings of the earth, it is New York.



Since the implementation of the Bretton Woods monetary system at the close of WW2, the US strengthened its dollar-based economic control over the nations via the IMF and World Bank. Most currencies ceased to be linked to precious metals during the 20th century when the U.S. abandoned the gold standard. In the aftermath of WW2, with much of Europe and Asia bankrupt, the U.S. dollar had become a universal medium of exchange. Then in the 1970's,

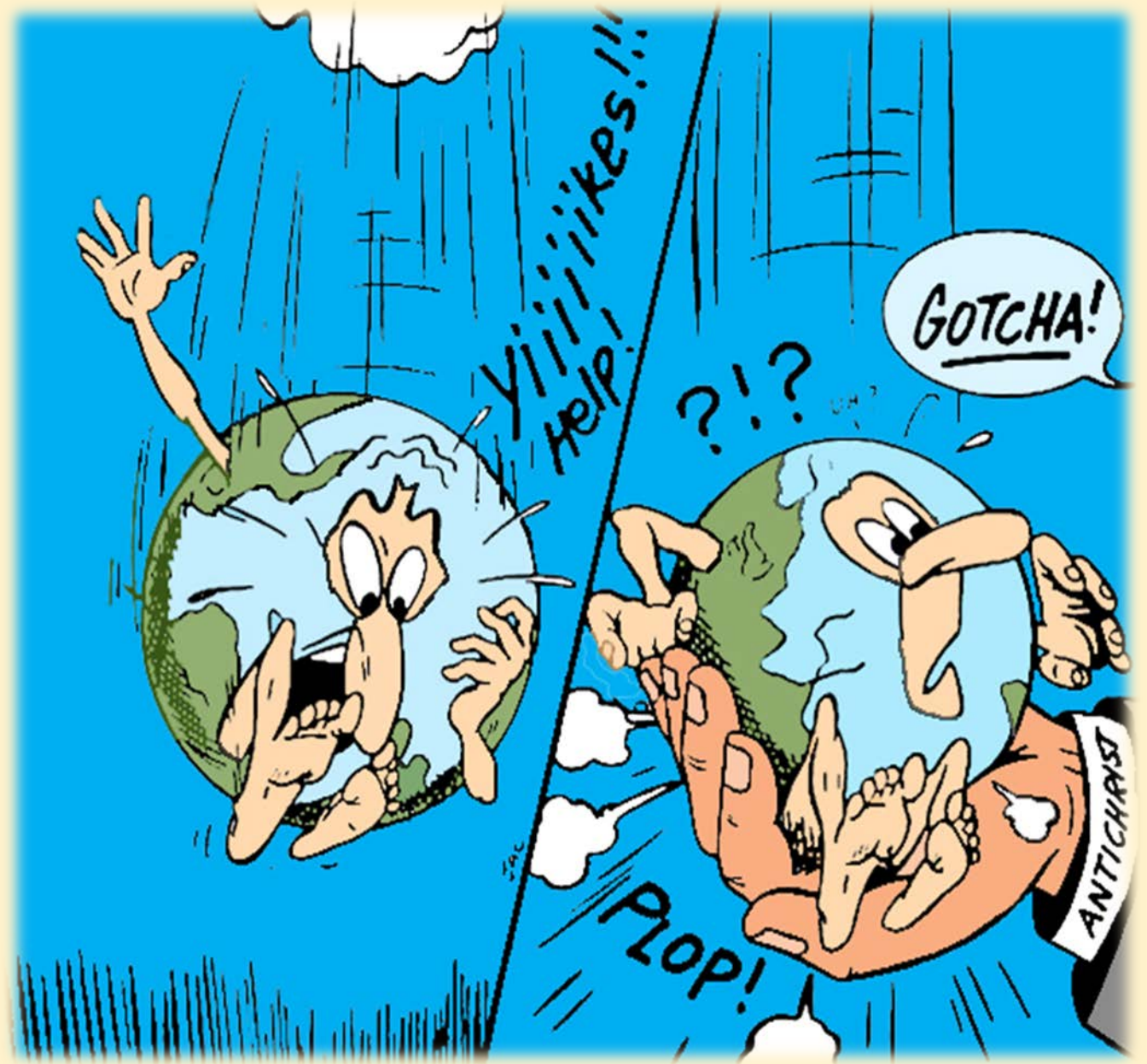
after abandoning the gold standard, a deal was made to ensure that oil be purchased in dollars. That agreement allowed the dollar to continue as the primary currency that countries use for holding their reserves. America said that the world should regard their dollar as being "*as good as gold.*" <http://lexicon.ft.com/Term?term=Bretton-Woods>



With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the US continued without restraint, to increase both her economic control and military dominance in its drive toward global supremacy. If America's financial centers were incapacitated, the world's capitalistic, materialistic system would be shattered. While the United States and New York are perhaps only the latest and most apparent manifestations of the materialistic mistress that ruled the empires of man, nevertheless their collapse could fulfill this vision of Babylon being destroyed in one hour. This will be explained with more detail in the next chapter of *Revelation 18*.

Some afterthoughts:

This is a time of major changes, and we are moving toward the events that the Bible foretells must come to pass. The speed with which things progress will be determined by choices made, the decisions of common people, the decisions of leaders and countries around the world, the decisions of those who are pulling the strings and preparing the way for the Antichrist, but the world is nonetheless moving forward toward the events of the End. The economic situation is one very major way that the world is being prepared for the rise of the Antichrist and the End time events that are to come. And being able to see and understand the situation clearly will be a big asset for the future. The time is coming when a greater economic depression will hit the world, an even greater downturn in economic activity, because the Antichrist wants to consolidate as much power into his hands as he can. And one step toward doing that is a complete revamp of the financial system.





Many people have scoffed, thinking that the world could never change so quickly, that one man could never come to power in an instant, that the End could not come so soon. Well, the world has changed drastically in the matter of a few months several times in recent history: the Berlin Wall's fall and the collapse of the Soviet Union were major world changing events.

Or remember when we woke up one morning with the 9/11 tragedy and witnessed the subsequent rapid loss of personal liberty and privacy?

Likewise, when the 2008 crash occurred and a financial crisis spread through the entire banking structure of the West and affected just about everyone on the planet? The same or even more so with the recent pandemic when we were told over and over again that we were entering a “*new normal*”. And it could change far more in another few months or years. (In fact, that is happening right now in Europe with the war in Ukraine).

The Antichrist could come to power very rapidly once conditions are right, and when that happens, the timetable will be set. So, the events that begin the last seven years could come to pass very quickly, once it is time.



God has always taken care of His Own, and always will, as we stay close to Him. He can keep us in the midst of anything and everything. Even if the world is a mess and in confusion, we can

dwell in the secret place (*Psalm 91*). One thing is certain, we're living in exciting times, and we have the best guarantee in the world: the Lord's promise of care and leading, and also insight and revelation into what is happening, as we need it. We can be encouraged that things are getting worse in the world, because it means we're getting closer to the End Time events which must transpire before Jesus can come back and make everything right.

***** LUK.21:28, 31 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.***

You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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