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A Mortal Wound Healed

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SEVEN HEADS

REVELATION 13:1-3

In the book of Revelation, the apostle John saw:

- **Revelation 13:1-3:** A beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound (wounded to death in KJV), but its mortal wound (deadly wound in KJV), was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. (Rev. 13:1-3).

Many have wondered what this mortal wound, that was healed refers to, amongst scholars and theologians the most common thought is Rome. This idea is based on the fact history shows that after Rome's decline and the fall of the seat of the empire, and the successive loss of its opulence and provinces, its magnificence edifices were exposed to ruin and decay and the land of the once glorious Roman empire was practically reduced to a barren land, so much so that the name of Rome might have been erased from the earth, if the city had not been revived by the influence of the Papacy of Rome.

It could be rightly stated that the Pontificate, resuscitated Rome with a second birth and saved it from becoming a total waste. Nations and people all over the world came to adore and worship the Popes of the Roman Papal Church as the perpetual head and the successor of Rome, of which they claim, that the apostle Peter is the supreme pontiff of the Church.

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At the rise of Papal Rome, the magnitude of the new empire was not equal in power and influence too that of the old Roman empire, but its character and nature was very similar, because all nations from East and West, venerate the Pope and over the following years its influence extended over kings, princes, nations, and a sea of people worldwide. It is in this sense Rome is seen as having a deadly wound, that was healed through the rise of the Roman Papal Church, which has today (2022) far more power and influence over kings and heads of nations and the global world and far more wealth than the old Roman Empire had at its peak.

This idea is also in harmony with the following: we are told the beast had ten horns and seven heads, and one of these seven heads was wounded.

THE SEVEN HEADS: refer to:

1. Egypt.
2. Assyria.
3. Babylon.
4. Media Persia.
5. Greece.
6. Rome (the head that was wounded, and revived by Papal Rome).
7. The ten horned beast nations.

SEVEN HEADS

REVELATION 17:7-12

The seven heads are also mentioned in Revelation chapter seventeen, in this chapter, one of the seven angels came to John saying:

- **Revelation 17:7-12:** I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. ⁹ This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ¹⁰ they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. ¹¹ As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. ¹² And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. (Rev. 17:7–12).

We are given two important clues to understanding these verses:

1. The first is the fact we are told, “the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast,” shows that this vision covers the history of the world from its beginning.
2. The second clue is contained in the words, “the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; they are also seven kings. (v9-10). This means that there are two entities here, firstly seven mountains signifying seven kingdoms, and secondly, the location of the woman’s seat.

The seven mountains (kings and their kingdoms) are:

1. Egypt (fallen).
2. Assyria (fallen).
3. Babylon (fallen).
4. Medo-Persia (fallen).
5. Greece (fallen).
6. The old Roman Empire, (the one that is) for it existed in John’s Day.
7. Papal Rome (the one that has not yet come) for through Papal Rome the old Roman Empire rose, though in a different form.
8. The eighth that was, and is not, and is about to rise, that belongs to the seven and will go into destruction (v11) firstly refers to the Emperors of Rome that existed, but have gone into destruction, and secondly to the Popes of Papal Rome that rose in their place, and that will also go into destruction.

The seat of the woman is:

Rome, we know this because we are told she sits on seven mountains, and we know that the ancient city of Rome was founded on and between seven hills, each of the seven hills had its own name and its own small settlement, because of this, one of the best-known nicknames for Rome is, “The City of Seven Hills,” all of which make up part of the capital for modern Italy, these facts clearly show that the seat of the woman is Rome.

King of kings and Lord of lords: the ten horned beast nations and the prostitute woman will receive power and authority together for a short time. Sometime after the Lord returns with the resurrected chosen and faithful, and is ruling from Jerusalem as King of kings and Lord of lords,

the woman entices the heads of the beast nations to send their armies against him, their attempt to overthrow him is futile for he conquers them. The beast nations seeing their armies destroyed then hate the prostitute woman and destroy her. (Rev. 17:12-16).

THE TEN HORNED BEAST: there are different theories concerning who these ten horned beast nations refer to, following are the two most common.

1. To ten nations that rose-up out of Rome's ruin, but should this be the case they could be accurately known and named, but there are at least twenty different lists given by various commentators and interpreters, that have around sixty possible kingdoms listed.
2. Since it is not necessary to take the number ten as an exact number, for ten signifies completion, which means that the more likely scenario is that the ten horns, firstly, refer to the final ungodly beast nations (or empire) that will rise-up in the latter days, and secondly, that God's purposes for mankind will be completed, for the time of judgment and Christ's return has come, especially since this final judgment will not only bring about the end of the ungodly worldly political system and its supporters, but also eradicate every trace of worldly rule.

Daniel interpreted king Nebuchadnezzar dream saying:

- As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, (Daniel 2:42-44).

Notice, verse forty-two does not mention the number ten, which means it is not necessary to limit these final beast nations to exactly ten, especially since toes are at the end of the great image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, and bring Daniel's interpretation of the dream to an end, which means the symbolism can be taken to signify the final world beast empire without any limit to the number of ungodly nations untied together.

JESUS FIRST AND SECOND RETURN

The return of Jesus will be very similar to when he first came, in the following way, it was the religious rulers (the chief priests, Pharisees and scribes) of the Israel that wanted Jesus put to death, and who enticed the secular Roman government to kill him. Likewise, when he is ruling from Jerusalem as King of kings and lord of lords, it will be the religious leaders of the world that will entice the ungodly ten horned beast nations to send their armies against him. The big difference is that this time, he is not coming as the Lamb to be slaughtered, but the King to conquer.

FOOTNOTE

What I have presented here in this document should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter since I am fully aware greater understanding of God's revelation is continually becoming clearer before our eyes as we move closer to the time of Christ's glorious return in glory.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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