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**The Beast
Who Was and is Not
and is
to Come**

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The Beast who Was and is Not and is to Come.

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TWO BEASTS

The book of Revelation speaks of two beasts.

The first beast: rose out of the sea with ten powerful horns and seven blasphemous heads, that suffered a mortal wound that was healed, and whose name is 666. This beast received its power, its throne, and great authority from the dragon.

- **Revelation 13:1-3:** And I saw 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.

The second beast: rose out of the earth with two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon that deceives those who dwell on earth, into making an image for the ten-horned beast that was wounded and healed and not only cause them to worship it, but also causes them to be marked so that no one can buy or sell unless they have the mark of the wounded beast that was healed, which is, the number of its name 666.

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- **Revelation 13:11-18:** Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

The first and second beast: the first beast with ten horns (i.e., ten heads of nations) will receive full authority and power for one hour when they are united with the second beast that has two horns and speaks like a lamb.

- **Revelation 17:12–13:** 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 (the two horned beast that speaks like a lamb).¹³ These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.

THE BEAST WHO WAS AND IS NOT AND IS TO COME

- **Revelation 17:8:** The beast that you (John) 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.

The beast that John saw: refers to the great prostitute woman who:

- Has influenced multitudes of people worldwide (signified by being seated on many waters).
- Has enticed kings worldwide to join in her corruptions and has greatly influenced populations of the world by her immorality (i.e., moral corruptions and religious corruptions).

- Has arrayed herself in purple and scarlet, and with gold, jewels, and pearls, and is full of abominations and sexual immorality (i.e., moral, and religious).
- Has put to death faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Has close unity with an antichristian beast full of blasphemous names, with seven heads and ten horns.
- Has on her forehead the name mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." (Rev. 17:1-6).

The seven heads: refer to the following seven major kingdoms of the world:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Media Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. The final antichristian ten horned beast nations.

The ten horns: refer to: to:

- The final antichristian ten horned beast nations and all those in league with them.

The woman: refers to:

Firstly, ancient Rome, which was the world power at the time of John, and secondly, the Papal Roman Church, the Vatican, and its Popes, which rose out of the ruins of Rome, and has become a religious world power. The woman also embraces all religions that come under her global umbrella.

- **It was:** refers to ancient Rome, which was the world power during his era.
- **Is not:** refers to the fall and ruin of Rome.
- **Yet it is:** refers to the Roman Papal Church, which though it had little power and influence at the time of John, has risen to be a global world religious authority and power.

In prophetic language a beast signifies a tyrannical idolatrous empire, which is a very fitting picture of the Roman empire which was idolatrous under the pagan emperors, and then under the Roman Christian emperor Constantine those who came after him the Roman pontiffs arose, and have continued ever since.

In verse eight we read:

- They (the seven horns) 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. (Rev. 17:10).

The five that have fallen: refers to:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Media Persia
5. Greece

The one that is: refers to:

6. Ancient Roman, for it was the world empire at the time of John.

The other that has not yet come: refers to:

7. The prostitute woman and the final antichristian, ten horned beast nations, though these are two separate identities (one religious and one secular), they are at times picture as one and the same entity, because they are so closely linked to each other.

In Revelation chapter thirteen we read:

- One of its heads (the beast with seven horns) (v1) seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. (Rev. 13:3).

The seven heads refer to:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Media Persia
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7. The final antichristian ten horned beast nations.

The head that had what seemed like a mortal wound, refers to Rome, it is said, "it seemed like a mortal wound," because its fall and ruin was so great, it appeared as if it would never rise again, yet it did, through the Roman Papal Church, which today has more global influence and power worldwide than ancient Rome did.

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Then we read:

- Then I (John) saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. (Rev. 13:11).

This other beast with two horns like a lamb that spoke like a dragon (i.e., lies, and deceptive and false promises etc., that bring destruction), refers to the Popes of the Roman Papal Church, for it is the Popes that cause the populations of the world to worship the Roman Papal Church. Ancient pagan Rome arose from among the same kingdom and nations, in a new form, being the Roman Papal Church the Vatican and its Popes, which through successive Popes has even greater power and influence today than ancient Rome had during its era.

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