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The
Dragon
and the
Ten Horned Beast

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The Dragon and the Ten Horned Beast.

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Please note; the following is not an in-depth study of each topic, but a brief overview, that hopefully will help others in their own studies.

THE MEANING OF DRAGON

- **Revelation 12:9:** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- **Revelation 20:2:** And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

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The meaning of dragon: the word dragon comes from the Greek word (*drakon*) which means to look, it carries the idea of a fabulous kind of serpent (perhaps with the idea of being fascinated).

The reference to the dragon in all Scriptures in the book of Revelation carry the idea of a large serpent like creature. Many notions have been attached to the dragon which did not exist, but were ascribed to it by the imagination, such as:

- It was of a vast size and had three rows of teeth.
- It was black, red, yellow, or ashy in colour and had a large wide mouth that breathed out fire.
- It made a terribly loud and frightening hiss and had large feet and wings.
- It inhabited dark waste and solitary places and was insatiable ravenousness and ever thirsting for human blood.

These are all creative speculations of the imagination. However, the colour red, is the colour of flame and blood, and the symbol of destruction and slaughter, it is the emblem of the evil spirit, the devil and Satan, the perpetual antagonist of good, the persecutor of the church in all ages, making it a truly fitting emblem of him who Jesus declared to be a murderer from the beginning.

It is referred to as being a great one, because of its strength and power, and can destroy everything in its path, which carries the idea that it was a huge monster, symbolising the following three things:

1. Some type of terrible hostile power on earth, such as powerful, fierce, and mighty armies, that have massive billion-dollar stockpiles of destructive weapons of war.
2. Ungodly nations, governments, leaders, and rulers that hold powerful positions of authority, power, and influence.
3. False and deceptive Christian ministers and teachers that have immense power, wealth, authority, and influence over vast numbers of people, and who use their followers for their own selfish advantage and gain.

It is referred to as being red, signifying the vast amount of blood of the faithful shed amongst the ungodly empire it symbolises, which aptly fits the character and bloody practices of the old serpent the devil and Satan who Jesus said, was a murderer from the beginning.

Though the dragon, the serpent, the devil, and Satan the deceiver of the whole world, is one evil spirit, it has many forms of evil for it is not bound by laws, has no scruples, and exerts its evil power whenever it has opportunity, for these reasons it is fitting that it is compared to the god of this world, for the following three reasons:

1. The dragon is a symbol of destruction.
2. The serpent is a symbol of cunning and superstition.
3. The devil signifies all that is ungodly in the flesh.

These three perfectly signify those who are cruel and hostile to God and His people, and those who persecute them. Superstitious religion and idolatry, and deceptive religious leaders and ministers who teach false doctrines and use their followers for their own selfish advantage and gain.

THE DRAGON AND EGYPT

Pharaoh king of Egypt, was a great persecutor and ancient enemy of Israel, and as such, is likened to a great and mighty dragon to signify the Egyptians enormous power and hostility towards God's people as the following verses show:

- Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lies in the midst of his streams, that says, 'My Nile is my own; I made it for myself.' (Ezek. 29:3).
- Son of man, raise a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him: "You consider yourself a lion of the nations, but you are like a dragon in the seas; you burst forth in your rivers, trouble the waters with your feet, and foul their rivers. (Ezekiel 32:2).

In these verses Pharaoh is pictured as:

- As a dragon in the Nile being so full of pride, he boasts that all of Egypt is his.
- As a dragon in the seas (symbolising multitudes of people) causing great sufferings and conflicts and poisoning and corrupting the nations.

These verses show that the dragon can symbolise powerful worldly rulers, monarchs, states, kingdoms, and empires influenced by a spirit of pride, greed, selfish ambition, and that has a craving for fame and power, and is hostile toward Gods people.

THE DRAGON AND THE TEN HORNED BEAST

The following verses show that the dragon, the serpent, the devil, and Satan deceive the whole world, and are the source of life of the ten-horned beast kingdom and all that it embraces, which means that a great portion of the world's population will be influenced by the dragon, the serpent, the devil, and Satan, when the ten horned beast (i.e., ungodly nations and their governments), and the man of lawlessness reach their peak in power, authority, dominion and influence worldwide.

- **Revelation 13:1-2:** 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. 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.
- **Revelation 12:9:** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- **Revelation 20:1-3:** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

A GREAT RED DRAGON, WITH SEVEN HEADS, TEN HORNS, AND SEVEN DIADEMS

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- **Revelation 12:3:** And another sign (wonder in KJV) appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems (crowns in KJV).

At this time John is sitting on the Isle of Patmos writing these visions down for us to read. He sees, "a dragon in heaven," this does not mean that the dragon was in heaven the place of eternal glory and happiness. The dragon is spoken of as being in heaven, because John's mind is totally devoid of anything worldly, and filled with the presence and Spirit of God, and in this heavenly state he is seeing in vision form is a futuristic vision of another great power and authority appearing on earth symbolised by a great dragon.

THE BEAST SYSTEM AND THE GREAT RED DRAGON

The ten horned beast nations spoken of in the following verses are not the dragon, but driven by what the dragon symbolizes, which is:

- Lust for power and world dominance.
- Greed for riches and wealth.
- Hostility toward Israel, God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and his people.
- **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. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.

The beast spoken of in this verse refers to the beast of the following verse:

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

From these verses we learn; through the final world empire on earth will at first appear to a vast majority of the inhabitants of the world, as a great marvel and its government and leaders will appear to be seeking the best for mankind and the planet, which is why the inhabitants of the earth so willingly embrace these beast nations, and their leaders, the underlying spirit of the entire empire will be driven by the spirit of the dragon, the serpent, the devil and Satan, for though this empire will appear to the world as an empire of light, it will gather the armies of the beast nations to rise up against Christ for the great day of God Almighty called Armageddon.

- **Revelation 16:16** And they (the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

After the dragon, and all the beast nations it symbolizes has deceived the whole world and brought their armies to the place called Armageddon the seventh angel pours out his final bowl of God's wrath causing a great earthquake, and the beast nations, their leaders and their governments are destroyed.

- **Revelation 16:17:** The seventh angel poured out his bowl (of the wrath of God) into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"¹⁸ And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.
- **Revelation 16:21:** And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

FOOTNOTE

What I have presented here in this document is very brief, and 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.
