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A BEAST, WITH TEN HORNS AND 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. (Revelation 13:1-3).

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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. 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.

EMPEROR CONSTANTINE 1, AND THE RISE OF PAPAL ROME

The fall of Rome was completed in 476 A.D., when the German chieftain Odoacer deposed the last Roman emperor of the West, Romulus Augustulus. The East, being richer and stronger, continued as the Byzantine Empire through the European Middle Ages. Prior to the reign of Emperor Constantine 1, pagan ancient Rome (a beast nation) brutally and cruelly tortured and persecuted Christians, imprisoned them and put them to death. Constantine an unbaptised Roman general at the beginning of

his reign ended Roman Christian persecution, and called selected bishops to attend the first Christian ecumenical council (called the council of Nicaea) (present-day Turkey), in 325 A.D. It was convened by emperor Constantine and its primary purpose was to resolve the controversy amongst the entire body of Christ, and establish a standard creed of Christian doctrines. At this first council meeting Constantine and his bishops, firstly condemned the teaching, Christ is not divine, but a created being, claiming it was non-scriptural, and in its place established the following:

1. The equality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity.
2. The pre-existing Son became incarnate (i.e., embodied in the flesh) as Jesus Christ.
3. The Son is absolutely equal with the Father.
4. Observance of Easter and its date.
5. Early canon law, for the Roman Catholic Church.

Emperor Constantine was not baptized until he was at the point of death, and though some who belonged to the Roman Catholic Papal Church were baptised, most were unbaptised and only adherents of the church, however, as infant baptism became the general practise those unbaptised decreased. The counsel considered themselves collectively to be; "the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church," that Jesus founded. They treated all who taught and believed Jesus was not divine, but a created being as heretics, and banished them from their churches for heresy. This counsel began the rise of the Roman Papal Catholic Church, with its creeds and doctrines.

In this way, the beast that was wounded, being the fall of Rome, rose again in the form of the Roman Papal Catholic Church, but not in the same form, but in a totally different one, far more dangerous than persecution, for Christians are now endangered by counterfeit Christianity, symbolised in the book of Revelation, as a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of earth's abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality, being carried by the ten horned scarlet beast. (Rev. 17:1-6).

When the inhabitants of the earth see that the beast, that had appeared to have received a death blow, has revived with greater global power than ever, being united with the final ten horned beast nations, and making powerful, skilful, and authoritative speeches, that vainly promise to bring an end to wars, and bring prosperity and peace to earth, they will exult with wonder this final world religious and secular empire, and give their allegiance to them, believing this final beast empire can bring about a utopia world. Constantine's primary goal was mostly about getting everyone to agree and get along with each other, more than establishing correct doctrine.

He publicly ordered that:

- Whoever did not sign the creed would be exiled.
- All of Arius' works were to be burned.
- If anyone was found with Arius' writings, they were to be put to death.
- If Arius writings were found, they were to be burnt, and all his teachings were to be destroyed.

ARIANISM AND ITS TEACHINGS

The early Christians did not have a very unified religion, and as the Christian faith grew throughout the Roman Empire, so did the number of sects and beliefs. Arianism was one of the stronger and had a greater influence. It originated with the Alexandrian priest Arius (around 250–336 A.D.), and was the first Christological (i.e., the study of Christ) to seriously threaten the rise of the Roman Papal Church. The council of Nicene viewed Arianism, as a Christian heresy, so one of their goals was to completely end it.

Arianism proclaimed Jesus Christ was:

- Not divine (i.e., holy), and not equal or identical with God.
- Not equally existing eternally with God, or of the same substance and essence with the Father.
- Did not exist at the beginning of the world, and the universe. It was reasoned since the Bible teaches, the Son of God is begotten of God the Father, then it is logical the Father, must have existed before the Son.
- Not eternally equal to God, nor equal in origin, rank, and superiority.
- Created by the Father, and sent to earth for the salvation of mankind.
- God alone is immutable (meaning He does experience emotional change, or suffering and does not change in anyway, for He is self-existent.
- Not God, but a being with a beginning, who was subordinate to and less than God, and that God alone is the Almighty, and Jesus His son.

THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed (sometimes referred to as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed), statement of faith does not quote Scripture, but is based on the understanding of the Scriptures the council had at the time of Emperor Constantine.

Following is the original creed, that the council signed together:

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten from the Father, only-begotten, that is, from the substance of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things came into being, things in heaven and things on earth,

Who because of us men and because of our salvation came down, and became incarnate and became man, and suffered, and rose again on the third day, and ascended to the heavens, and will come to judge the living and dead, And in the Holy Spirit.

But as for those who say, There was when He was not, and, Before being born He was not, and that He came into existence out of nothing, or who assert that the Son of God is of a different hypostasis or substance, or created, or is subject to alteration or change —these the Catholic and apostolic Church anathematizes.”

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 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should anyone doubt the enormous global power, influence, and authority that the Roman Papal Church has today, simply Google the following titles:

- The Interfaith Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi.
- G20 interfaith forum.
- Unity of religious agreement.
- One world religion 2022.

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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