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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE SEVEN KINGDOMS

In the book of Revelation, we read:

- **Revelation 17:9–10:** 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.

The seven heads are an allusion to the following seven hills upon which ancient Rome was built:

1. Palatine.
2. the Capitoline.
3. Quirinal.
4. Viminal.
5. Esquiline.
6. Caelian.
7. Aventine.

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They are also an allusion to the following seven world kingdoms.

1. Egypt ----- Fallen.
2. Assyria ----- Fallen.
3. Babylon ----- Fallen.
4. Media Persia ----- Fallen.
5. Greece ----- Fallen.
6. Rome ----- One is (Rome and the Roman Papal Church).
7. The ten horned beast --- Yet to come.

The first six great world kingdoms have not only had a major influence upon the world, but also upon Israel, and the seventh one yet to come will also have enormous power, authority, dominion, and influence over the world, and rise-up against Israel.

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The following list, gives greater detail of the seven kings of John's vision; who the five that have fallen refer to; who the fourth kingdom of Daniel's vision is, and who the one to come refers to.

The first of the seven is:

1. **Egypt (fallen):** is the first great power of John's vision, that had major influence over the people of Israel. The Hebrew people were in bondage to Egypt for over four hundred years, and when God by mighty plagues bought them out of Egypt a nation (Israel) was born.
2. **Assyria (fallen):** is the second great power of John's vision, that had major influence over the people of Israel. Assyria's armies invaded the land of Samaria and overthrew the ten tribes of Israel dwelling there and ruled over them.
3. **Babylon (fallen):** is the third great power of John's vision, and the first world kingdom, that Daniel saw in his vision of the iron man symbolised by his head of gold (Dan. 2:32) (Dan. 2:37) and a lion that had eagle wings, that were torn off (Dan. 7:4), meaning it could not fly or stand up, to arise again on its feet, but had to be lifted-up by others and once standing again it was given the mind of a man (v17-18). The inhabitants of Jerusalem and of the land of Judah had become so corrupt God used Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon as His servant to bring His judgment upon Jerusalem, and the land of Judah. The armies of Babylon invaded Jerusalem burned the city destroyed the temple and took the people captive for seventy-years. (Jeremiah 25:8-9).
4. **Media Persia (fallen):** is the fourth great power of John's vision, and the second world kingdom, that Daniel saw in his vision of the iron man symbolised by his silver chest and silver arms (Dan. 2:32) (Dan. 2:39), and by a ferocious bear destroying and conquering multitudes of nations. (Dan. 7:17-18). Media existed as a kingdom in its own right prior to Persia, but Cyrus the Great king of Persia toppled the Median rulers and turned Media into the Kingdom of Persia. The LORD not only called Cyrus the king of Persia His anointed shepherd and called him by name, but also equipped Cyrus for battle (Isaiah 45:1, 28). Added to this the LORD says, even though Cyrus (a secular king) does not know Him, He will go before him (Isaiah 45:2-3). Cyrus invaded and defeated Babylon and gave Israel written permission to return to their homeland and rebuild their beloved city Jerusalem and the temple of God.
5. **Greece (fallen):** is the fifth great power of John's vision, and the third world kingdom, that Daniel saw in his vision of the iron man symbolised by the middle and thighs being bronze (Dan. 2:32) (Dan. 2:39), and by a leopard with four heads (i.e., four kings over four kingdoms) and four wings on its back with enormous governing authority and ruling power, influence, and control. (Dan. 7:17-18). Media Persia fell to Alexander the Great after which the empire of Greece became firmly fixed under his control, and the city of Alexandria grew into one of the greatest cities of the ancient world. Alexandria's death created enormous problems, because there were no plans for a succession, so his empire went to the four strongest generals who were:

1. Ptolemy 1 the King of Egypt.
2. Cassander King of Macedonia.
3. Lysimachus King of Thrace.
4. Seleucus I, King of Syria.

Although Alexander is not named in the Bible, he is described prophetically in Daniel chapter eight as the great horn between the he-goat's eyes. (Dan. 8:5-8) (Dan. 8:20-22).

6. **Rome (one is):** is the sixth great power of John's vision, and the fourth world kingdom, that Daniel saw in his vision of the iron man symbolised by his legs, feet, and toes, (Dan. 2:33) (Dan. 2:40-41) (Dan. 2:42-43). It, is said to be different from the previous kings and their kingdoms, in that it appears terrifying and exceedingly strong. It had ten horns and iron teeth and anything it did not destroy with its teeth it crushed with its feet. (Daniel 7:7). This is the legs, feet, and toes that Daniel saw in his vision in chapter two which was Rome the fourth world kingdom (Dan. 2:40-41) (Dan. 2:42-43). The legs of iron continue down to the feet and ten toes mixed with iron and clay, which signifies that the final beast is Rome with all its affiliated nations and Papal power extending on through history to the last days when it will in some form rise again as the final world power. The early history of the small, but powerful city-state of Rome began with its gradual domination of Mediterranean powers, especially many of the states and nations of Greece. They built up their empire between the 3rd century BC and the 3rd century AD., and at Rome's height the Empire stretched from North-Western Europe to the Near East and encompassed all the lands of the Mediterranean.

Rome and Religion: Roman state religion was considered the formal link between men and the gods. Their religion was a type of contract between Rome and the highest god amongst all their gods. They held that their highest god would look after Rome's security and progress, providing the state looked after the god's needs by supplying the proper sacrifices and worship. Now here in (Rev.13:2) John sees a ten-horned beast rise-up out of the sea, like a leopard, a bear and a lion which are all symbols of Daniels vision with the leopard symbolizing Greece, the bear Media Persia, and the Lion Babylon. The natural idea, therefore, in this passage, is that in the latter days power that is represented by the beast would spring up among the nations, when the world is restless and unsettled, like the waves of the ocean.

7. **The final world power (still to come):** is the seventh great power of John's vision symbolised by the ten horns of the beast and is the sixth world kingdom, that Daniel saw in his vision of the iron man symbolised by his ten toes. Counting from Babylon the first kingdom of Daniels vision Rome is the fourth Kingdom, counting from Egypt the first kingdom of John's vision, Rome is the sixth kingdom (falling one short of God's perfect number seven). In John's vision Rome, is the successor of the five that had fallen (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, and Greece). All these great world-kingdoms were of the same mind and the same spirit in that they were all founded in unrighteousness (i.e., all worshipped pagan gods and were in violation of Gods law).

Counting from Babylon the first kingdom of Daniels vision is Rome (the fourth Kingdom), counting from Egypt the first kingdom of John's vision is also Rome (the sixth kingdom), which falls one short of God's perfect number seven). In John's vision Rome, is the successor of the following five that had fallen:

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

All these great world-kingdom were of the same mind and the same spirit in that they were all founded in unrighteousness (i.e., in violation of God, His law, the Gospel and hostile toward Christ. In the previous chapter these beast kingdoms are collectively pictured as a great red dragon (Rev. 12:3), with seven royal heads, symbolising that they are

of the same antichristian spirit and aggressively hostile toward Israel, and by extension the church. Historically Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media Persia, Greece, and Rome were all major capital cities and empires of the world. Both Daniel and John's vision highlight the truth that the spirit of the dragon has flowed through history and will continue to do so from generation to generation until its evil power climaxes in the latter days of the final antichristian beast kingdoms and the stone that was cut from a mountain by no human hand (the Lord Jesus Christ), breaks in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold and brings all these kingdoms to an end. After this Christ will establish God's Kingdom on earth, which will never be destroyed, but will stand forever. (Daniel 2:44-45).

This vision strongly resembles Daniels vision in chapter seven. There Daniel saw four great beasts different from each other rising-up in succession from the great sea that four winds of heaven had stirred up (Dan. 7:2-3), signifying the four nations springing up out of a state of commotion, disorder, and anarchy. In Daniel's vision, the ten refers to the last period of world power, that rises-up out of the fourth kingdom (Rome) (i.e., the rise of the Roman Papal Church) which is, connected with and reaches forward to the seventh beast (i.e., ten horned beast) and final kingdom/empire as the following verse shows.

- **Revelation 17:12:** 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 (the two horned beast like a lamb).

NOTE: it is not necessary to think the ten horned beast empire will be limited to ten nations only, for the following reason. The book of Revelation is very symbolic, no one believes there will be a literal beast with ten horns, or a literal two horned beast that speaks like a lamb, which means the number ten can also be taken symbolically, especially since the number ten signifies, completeness, and as such can be taken to symbolize this final ten horned beast empire, completes God's plan for our world as we know it, and prepares the way for Christ's return.

For further information see the title.

- Seven Heads, Ten Horns, and their History.

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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.

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