

A Woman Sitting

on a Beast with

Seven Heads

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A Ten Horned Beast Rose Up out of the Sea.

 Revelation 13:1: 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.

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A ten horned beast rising out of the sea: signifies, rising out of the vast population and nations of the world.

A Great Prostitute Seated on Many Waters.

• Revelation 17:1-2: Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters.

Seated on many waters: signifies, it has influence over much of the world and over many nations, in contrast to kings, who only have power over their nations. Rev. 17:1).

A woman sitting on a beast with seven heads:

• I (John) saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵ And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." ⁶ And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. (Revelation 17:3-6).

Sitting on a scarlet beast: signifies it is a bloodthirsty beast power.

Full of blasphemous names: signifies it is full of false teachings and teaching contrary to Scripture.

Seven heads full of blasphemy: the seven heads, signify the seven hills on which ancient city of Rome stood:

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

And seven antichristian kings beginning with:

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Assyria
- 3. Babylon
- 4. Media Persia
- 5. Greece
- 6. Rome
- 7. The final empire.

It was and is not and is to come: (Rev. 17:8), signifies nations, and since John said this during the time of Rome:

· The nation that was refers to Babylon.

- The nation that is not also refers to Babylon.
- The nation that is to come refers to the final world empire, which is likened to Babylon.

Ten horns, full of blasphemy: signifies ten antichristian kings, possibly the ten Roman kings renowned for their brutal and cruel persecution of Christians, or the ten powerful kings/rulers and their kingdoms/nations in the latter days, and most likely the nations affiliated with them.

Sitting on the beast with ten horns: signifies the following two things:

- 1. The woman is supported by the kings of the earth and their nations.
- 2. The woman has influence over the kings of the earth and their nations.

Arrayed in purple and scarlet: signifies pride, pomp, and ceremony.

Adorned with gold and jewels and pearls: signifies it is a very rich power.

Holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality: signifies it is full of idolatry and sexual corruption.

On her forehead was written a name of mystery Babylon: signifies it has the same vast influence over much of the world as Babylon had, and is similar in idolatry, power, authority, riches, and wealth as Babylon was.

The great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations: signifies it is it is full of corruption and the head of many false religions.

Drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: signifies its aggressive persecution, imprisonment, torture, and the putting to death of the faithful in Christ.

Has dominion over the kings of the earth: signifies, the enormous influence the woman has over nations, their rulers, and their people.

The birth of the great, mother of prostitutes: the Roman Papal Church rose out of Rome, and overtime superseded the power and influence of the Roman emperors. It has corrupted the teachings of Christ and the Gospel, and at the peak of its power it aggressively persecuted the true church of Christ, and imprisoned, tortured, burnt, hung and killed Christians who did not submit to its authority and who held to contrary Christian doctrines.

Worshipping the beast: (v9), does not necessarily mean they are going to stand with arms raised worshipping, as Christians do in a church building, but carries the idea, a great majority of the world's nations and population will willingly and inwardly reverence and submit to the beast empire, and embrace its rules, laws, and religion of which a great part will be humanism and the religion of the Papal hierarchy. The two beasts (the ten horned beast and the mother of prostitutes) are closely intertwined with each other, which is why it is viewed as one mighty beast power, even though it exists in the following two forms:

- 1. The civil, secular, and worldly authority and power.
- 2. The ecclesiastical, religious, and spiritual authority and power.

It is the global anti-Christian religions of the world, which the Roman Papal hierarchy and power is the head, combined and consolidated with the heads of worldly nations authority and power, symbolised by the tenhorned beast.

NOTE: the word anti-Christian does not necessarily mean that all embraced in this global anti-Christian empire are non-Christians, for it also embraces those who proclaim to believe in Christ, but whose teachings are so far removed from the teachings of Jesus, the apostles and Paul, that rather than leading them toward God, and eternal life, their teachers are leading them away from Him and everlasting life.

SNAPSHOT: this, ten horned beast (symbolising worldly power), with the prostitute woman riding it (symbolising religious power), have been roaming the earth for many generations, and cover a vast period of history, which is why the beast and the woman are so intertwined with each other, and at times are seen as one beast. The Papal power committed horrific atrocities in the name of God, believing they were the only ones that had His true teachings, and that without submitting to their authority and embracing their doctrines no one could receive the influences of God's grace and be saved to eternal life, for they believed that, "there is was no salvation outside of the Papal Church of Rome."

It is very likely that the latter-day beast power will be driven by the same self-righteous attitude, believing the earth and mankind can only be saved if the inhabitants of the earth submit to its authority and conform to its will, its government and its rules and laws.

The faithful in Christ should be careful not to be led astray by the temptations of the beasts' fascinations and seductions, but rather see in their mind a picture of themselves putting their heel on the neck of this ungodly worldly beast power, and be led into freedom and victory through the blood of the Lamb and by his power, love and grace become victorious over the beast empire and delivered out of its vast anti-Christian world.

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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