#### UNMASKING the End Time BEAST KINGDOM

A clear, unsealed, revelatory understanding of the past, present, and future events and entities engaged in end time warfare against the kingdom of God

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<u>Author's note</u>: This series is necessarily synoptic, but those with a noble Berean spirit will be given enough information to confirm the truth by the Spirit of truth. Those who are offended by the truth will remain offended.

### Part 1: The FINAL Beast Kingdom

The beast kingdom ruled by Satan has been assaulted against the kingdom of God in the earth from Adam forward, but this current study is focused on the specific identification of the beast kingdom engaged in warfare against the kingdom of God as the kingdom of God has been, and will be, manifested through the covenant people of God from the resurrection of Jesus Christ forward.

Though it may be seen as an oversimplification, what is revealed from Genesis to Revelation is that the *dunamis* POWER of the kingdom of God is manifested throughTRUTH, resulting in acts of faith that glorify God. And the corresponding power of the beast kingdom is DECEPTION, resulting in unbelief and the manifestation of darkness in the world.

For that reason the enemy, as a master strategist in the warfare between light and dark that determines who God's created volitional man will worship, is focused on obscuring our understanding of the truth related to the past, present, and future events, entities, and strategies of Satan's end time warfare against the kingdom of God.

At the same time the Lord told His disciples (and us) that He sent us the Spirit of truth to supernaturally "guide" us into <u>all</u> truth, including truth about things to come (John 16:13), indicating that it is the Spirit of truth who causes us to "see" and "know" and confirm the revelatory mysteries and secrets of the kingdom.

Therefore, it has been given by God to <u>every</u> regenerated believer in Jesus Christ the ability to discern the meaning and intent of the Father concerning the mysteries and secrets of the kingdom hidden in metaphorical and parabolic language (Luke 8:10), but this gift is hindered by complex deceptions introduced

into the kingdom of God in various ways and by non-revelatory interpretive traditions that have become strongholds of TRADITION assaulted against the absolute, immutable, *rhema* truth of God. (See 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 for a complete description of this intense conflict between truth and error.)

In this regard it is also noted that it is the purpose of God to progressively unseal and reveal the great end times prophecies of Daniel, Matthew 24 and 25, and Revelation, among many others, for the specific purpose of exposing Satan's schemes and equipping the specific generation of the kingdom of God who will experience them.

"But you, Daniel, shut up ... (the revelatory understanding of )... the words and seal the book, until... (when?)... the time of the end. (Then)... Many shall run to and fro, and... (the revelatory)... knowledge ... (of the prophetic intent of God)... shall increase." Daniel 12:4 KJV (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

Notice carefully that at the time of the end, which is NOW, the revelatory *rhema* knowledge of God's purposes IN the end time **shall increase**.

And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are <u>closed up</u> and <u>sealed</u> till ...(when?)...<u>the time of the end</u>. Daniel 12:10 KJV (insert and emphasis are the author's)

...(At that time)... Many ...(of the wise)... shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand...(the revelatory intent of God in the final phases of the end times).... Daniel 12:8-9 KJV (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

Historically the beast kingdom was assaulted against national, ethnic Israel in what is scripturally identified as the "former times," and against spiritual Israel, the body of Christ, in what is scripturally identified as the "latter times."

In the vision given to John on the isle of Patmos the composite beast kingdom is seen rising up out of the "sea" of peoples, governments, and institutions, including institutional Judaism and institutional Christianity.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the <u>sea</u>, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a <u>leopard</u>, and his feet were as the feet of a <u>bear</u>, and his mouth as the mouth of a <u>lion</u>: and the dragon gave him his power...(horns)..., and his seat, and great authority...("crowns" of ruling political authority). <u>Revelation 13:1-5 KJV</u> (emphasis is the author's)

Do not be misled by the singular, masculine pronoun "his" in reference to this beast. In the vision it is a singular entity, but as we will see, this singular entity represents the entire beast kingdom in its progressive past, present, and future forms as the beast kingdom has been assaulted against the covenant people of God from national, ethnic Israel in captivity in Egypt all the way to the "great and terrible day of the Lord."

And these progressive forms of the beast kingdom are seen as seven "heads."

## **BEAST Kingdom**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Head-2<sup>nd</sup> Head-3<sup>rd</sup> Head-4<sup>th</sup> Head-5<sup>th</sup> Head-6<sup>th</sup> Head-7<sup>th</sup> Head 10 horns/crowns

We see this same type of metaphorical representation in the statue kingdoms dream recorded in Daniel 2. The statue of a man did not represent a man. It represented four (of the seven "heads"), assaulted against the covenant people of God prior to the coming of the Messiah.

These were Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. The statue itself was a singular masculine entity, but the statue metaphorically represented the four dominant, progressive forms of the beast kingdom as a prophetic countdown to the <u>first</u> advent of Jesus Christ.

"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 2:44 ESV

What the Jews expected to happen on the basis of their intellectual speculations concerning this prophecy was the establishment of the free nation of Israel that would subsequently break all these "mountain" kingdoms into pieces. But the intent of God was to establish the kingdom of God in the earth through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus we should expect a similar countdown to the <u>second</u> advent of Jesus Christ revealed through Daniel's vision of the four beasts and the Lord's prophecy of the four horsemen.

In the second installment of this series we will examine the specific identity of these four progressive forms of the <u>final</u> beast kingdom, a.k.a. the 7<sup>th</sup> "head," identified as a lion, bear, leopard, and diverse beast of Daniel 7, which is <u>identical</u> with the same four forms of the 7<sup>th</sup> and final "head" in Revelation 6.

We know these as the "four horsemen," with each horseman coming on the scene as the first four seals of Revelation are opened in order, providing us with a countdown to the <u>second</u> advent of Jesus Christ, His glorious return.

For now we just need to acknowledge that this composite, progressive beast kingdom arises from the <u>sea</u> (people and institutions of the world), and that it is the four winds (spirits) of heaven that stir up this sea (of people and institutions of the world, including institutional Christianity). And these four "winds" are shown in <u>Revelation 6:1-4</u> to be the four living creatures that surround the throne of God who are given the authority for both releasing and restraining the four progressive forms of the 7<sup>th</sup> "head" of the beast kingdom, indicating that it is God, not Satan, who is setting the stage for the shaking of all that can be shaken that will ultimately result in the return of Jesus Christ in glory.

So, it is the Lord who opens the first four seals in progressive order, and it is the four living creatures who are given authority to both release and restrain the four horsemen all the way through the 6<sup>th</sup> seal.

This is also a time identified by the Lord as "*tribulation*," which is followed by "*great tribulation*," when the 7<sup>th</sup> seal is opened, and the fourth living creature's restraint of the final form of the beast kingdom is removed ("... *taken out of the way.*")

Focusing on the specific identities within this composite BEAST (kingdom), as seen by John rising up out of the sea, we are given a clear understanding that the seven "heads" are further identified as both "mountains" and "kings."

This calls for a mind with...(revelatory)...wisdom: the seven <u>heads</u> ...(of the beast)...are seven <u>mountains</u> on which the woman...(the Harlot)... is seated; they are also seven <u>kings</u>, 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 3.5 years of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal).... Revelation 17:9,10 ESV (insert and emphasis are the author's)

We are told specifically that the seven "heads" ARE <u>both</u> the seven "mountains" upon which the woman (the Harlot) is sitting and seven "kings." This has been historically interpreted as the seven hills of Rome upon which the "woman," identified by protestant reformers as being the Roman Catholic Church, is sitting. But, for once, the Roman Catholic Church is not specifically implicated.

"Mountains" is an obvious metaphor as it is impossible to imagine "heads"" as being literal, physical mountains.

"Mountains" metaphorically represent AUTHORITY in scripture. The Holy mountain of God is His seat of **AUTHORITY**.

The metaphorical "mountains" that spiritual Babylon rides upon in this prophecy are manifestations of beast kingdom **AUTHORITY** manifested in the world as "mountain" empires towering over all the other nations in opposition to the kingdom of God, as the kingdom of God is manifested in and through His covenant people. And spiritual Babylon "rides" upon these seven successive "mountain" empires of the beast kingdom, ruled by seven successive "kings."

Each of the seven progressive "heads" then are beast kingdom "mountain" empires ruled by a "king," (with combined spiritual and earthly authority) exalted against the kingdom of God as the kingdom of God is represented by the covenant people of God in the earth at that time.

And spiritual Babylon, the harlot, rides on the back of this beast in all its progressive forms.

John is told by the angel that five of these "heads" (kings-mountain empires) have "fallen," (i.e. these are historic), one "is" at the time of the prophecy (Rome), and one is "yet to come" at the time the prophecy is given to John.

What John "sees" is the past, present, and future forms of this final beast kingdom all rolled up into a single image. Thus seven (7) "heads" on a singular "beast," and ten "horns" (sources of spiritual power) and ten "crowns" (sources of political power) on the 7<sup>th</sup> and final "head" of the beast.

The five <u>fallen</u> mountain empires opposing the kingdom of God as the kingdom of God has been manifested through the covenant people of God are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Greece. The one that "is" at the time the prophecy was given to John is Rome.

The 7<sup>th</sup> beast kingdom, the one that "is to come," (and is already emerging), though, does NOT oppose the kingdom of God manifested in and through Judaism and national, ethnic Israel. Instead, it opposes the kingdom of God manifested in and through spiritual Israel, because it is spiritual Israel, the body of Christ that is now the covenant <u>nation</u> of God in Jesus Christ.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the <u>Israel</u> of <u>God.</u> Galatians 6:16 KJV (emphasis is the author's)

But ye...(Christian believers)...are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy <u>nation</u>, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 1 Peter 2:9 KJV (insert and emphasis is the author's)

And it is the "Israel of God" in Christ that is destined to be assaulted and persecuted by the great, 7th anti-God, world-wide "mountain" empire.

Then shall they deliver you...(Christian believers)... up to be afflicted ...(persecuted)..., and shall kill you: and ye...(Christian believers)... shall be hated of <u>all nations</u> for my name's sake. Matthew 24:9 KJV (insert and emphasis is the author's)

This "latter days" end time struggle between the kingdom of God and the beast kingdom is a struggle between the true church as the manifestation of the kingdom of God in the world and the final beast kingdom as the manifestation of Satan's control in the world, which, according to the Lord's own words, will include ALL NATIONS (i.e. a one world "beast" government.)

The composite "beast" includes all of the world systems under satanic control, including certain aspects of institutional Christianity, and the "Harlot" / "woman" riding on the back of the beast is spiritual Babylon in its multitudinous, anti-God forms through which Satan has received both the knowing and unknowing worship and obedience of men, with emphasis on the final form of spiritual Babylon.

The seven heads, then, represent the seven progressive mountain empires of the beast, six of which are now historic mountain empires that have ruled over Israel, with the one to come ultimately manifesting as the "ten horn" sub-rulers of the final "head" / "king" / "mountain" empire that is to come, and is already emerging, opposing spiritual Israel, the "Israel of God" in Christ.

# The Kingdom of God and The Beast Kingdom

Overview at the time the prophecy is given

1st head	2 <sup>nd</sup> head	3 <sup>rd</sup> head	4 <sup>th</sup> head	5 <sup>th</sup> head	6 <sup>th</sup> head	7 <sup>th</sup> head
Egypt	Assyria	Babylon	Persia	Greece	Rome	5
Fallen	Fallen	Fallen	Fallen	Fallen	Is	Is to come

### **Persecuting and Opposing**



This is not to say that the beast kingdom has not manifested itself fully through various cultures around the world that had nothing to do with the covenant people of God, but Satan's primary purpose is to usurp the worship of God's covenant people, which was national, ethnic Israel up until the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and spiritual Israel, the "Israel of God" in Christ from that point forward.

Thus the 6<sup>th</sup> "head" / "mountain" empire (the one that "is" at the time the prophecy was spoken) was initially assaulted against the kingdom of God represented by national, ethnic Israel, but at the resurrection of Christ Satan's assault against the kingdom of God became an assault on the new *ekklesia* of God in Christ.

Initially this assault was in the form of persecution by Rome and by apostate Judaism, but at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD under the Roman emperor, Constantine, the Roman Empire became the "Holy Roman Empire" as the state and the church were joined in an unholy covenant.

This then became the final form of the 6th "head" / "mountain" kingdom upon which the Harlot sat as the *ekklesia* of God in Christ was corrupted by numerous heretical doctrines and practices beginning with the identification of the Pope as being the "cleric of Chirst," the sole human source of spiritual truth and authority.

Believers at that time, other than priests and bishops, were literally burned at the stake for having a copy of the scriptures in any language, and it is not surprising that protestant reformers of the 16th and 17th centuries identified the papacy as the "antichrist" and the Roman Catholic Church as the "harlot."

And, as I and many others have noted, it is the Roman Catholic Church with more than two billion members worldwide that has been the major source of the false doctrines that now divide and weaken the entire somnolent body of Christ.

(See The Papacy Connection)

The two spheres of power through which the beast kingdom is manifested are identified as the beast coming out of the "sea" of peoples, institutions, and governments, including certain aspects of institutional Judaism and institutional Christianity, (the "mountain" kingdom) and the beast coming up out of the "earth," which is the "king" of the "mountain" kingdom, the spiritually empowered leadership of the beast kingdom.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the <u>earth</u>; and he had two horns like...(resembling)... a lamb, and he spake...(deceptively)... as a dragon. Revelation 13: 11 KJV (inserts and emphasis is the author's)

The ultimate "king" coming up out of the <u>earth</u>, controlling the final form of the 7<sup>th</sup> and final "mountain" empire of the beast kingdom, the beast kingdom that "is to come" (at the time of the prophecy) though portrayed as a single entity, is in reality a composite <u>triad</u> of evil, rather than a single entity.

This triad includes that fallen archangel, Lucifer, the great red dragon whom we call "Satan," meaning "enemy," the antichrist "man of sin," who will be directly

empowered by Satan to rule the world as he imitates, but believes himself to be, Jesus Christ returned to rule the world with an iron rod, and the false prophet who works miracles to convince the world that the "man of sin" **IS** Jesus Christ returned to rule the world with an iron rod.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the <u>dragon</u>...(Satan)..., and out of the mouth of the <u>beast</u>...(the "man of sin" a.k.a. the Antichrist)..., and out of the mouth of the <u>false prophet</u>. Revelation 16:13 <u>KJV</u> (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

The unclean spirits coming out of the MOUTHS of this unholy triad, are evil spirits of DECEPTION, and it is DECEPTION, not trouble and persecution that is now, and will be, the greatest threat to end time believers.

The question I will be asked universally by shocked readers is, "Why do you say the antichrist "man of sin" will <u>believe</u> himself to BE Jesus Christ returned?

Entire books have been written about the meaning of "666" as though God has hidden a complex riddle for us to work out with our clever intellects. But the meaning of "666" will not be given to us by the Spirit of truth <u>until</u> the "man of sin" appears and is revealed.

Then it will be given to those who have revelatory wisdom for <u>confirmation</u> after the fact.

What we can discern from Revelation 13:11, though, is that having "two horns <u>like</u> a lamb" indicates that this "man of sin" will be "sold" to the masses as Jesus Christ, the lamb of God, returned to rule the world with an iron rod.

And this man will NOT know that he is <u>not</u> Jesus Christ returned to rule the world with an iron rod. He will be thoroughly and completely convinced that he IS Jesus Christ returned to rule the world with an iron rod.

In my pre-Christian era Satan spoke to me through demonic spirit-"guides," through dreams, and visions, and through mediums as he convinced me completely of my past lives and of the spiritual "reality" of the demonic empowerments I was experiencing.

It was only through the Lord's intervention that I was rescued from this very real deception, and I have no doubt that Satan can give the "man of sin" whatever false memory and whatever empowerment needed to convince him, and everyone around him, that he IS Jesus Christ returned to rule the world with an iron rod.

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed

into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 KJV

This composite beast "head" that John sees rising up out of the <u>sea</u> (the people and institutions of the world), ruled by the evil triad beast "king" coming up out of the <u>earth</u>, is ridden by the "Harlot," representing all the anti-God religions of spiritual Babylon, but with final <u>emphasis</u> on apostate Judaism and apostate Christianity.

And we will discover that the final composite form of the Harlot is not what we have imagined.

So, thus far, we see:

- 1) The composite, historic and future, beast kingdom rising up out of the <u>sea</u> of human peoples, governments, and institutions, including institutional Christianity;
- 2) The history and future of the beast includes seven "mountain" kingdoms and seven "kings" over those mountain kingdoms, five of which have fallen, one "is" at the time of the prophecy, with one yet to come at the time of the prophecy, but already emerging as this commentary is being written;
- 3) The "Harlot," spiritual Babylon in its multitudinous anti-God forms, riding on the back of the "mountain" kingdoms of the beast in its progressive forms;
- 4) And coming up out of the <u>earth</u> we have the composite evil triad of the final "king" who will <u>rule</u> the final "mountain" kingdom "yet to come," (but already emerging).

In the next installment of this series we will examine the details of this 7<sup>th</sup> "mountain" empire that is already assaulted against the kingdom of God in Christ, and most readers will be shocked to discover that this 7<sup>th</sup> and final beast "head," prophetically revealed to John as "yet to come," has already been with us for a significant amount of time.

The four (4) progressive forms of this final "head" / "king" / "mountain" empire are described by Daniel as a lion with eagle's wings, followed by a bear with three ribs in its mouth, followed by a leopard with four heads and four fowls' wings, followed by a beast diverse from all the others, *dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly.* 

And this same final, "head" / "king" / "mountain" empire is described by John as riders on a white horse, a red horse, a black horse, and a pale green horse,

giving us a dual OT/NT description of the progressively evil forms of the 7<sup>th</sup> and final beast kingdom assaulted against the kingdom of God.

And it is this final "mountain" empire already manifested in the world that will soon be assaulted in fullness against the kingdom of God in Christ after the Spirit awakens us and purges us in the fire of testing to ultimately become the fullness of Him who loved us and gave His life for us.

In this the ultimate purpose of God is revealed, that the believing remnant of the kingdom of God in Christ might manifest His glory and His love in the face of the very worst that Satan can do through his beast kingdom. (See <u>The Awakening</u>)

For, behold, the darkness shall <u>cover</u> <u>the</u> <u>earth</u>, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. <u>Isaiah 60:2 KJV</u>

This prophecy given to Isaiah was not, and will not be, fulfilled to national, ethnic Israel, and, because Paul reveals that ALL of the covenant promises of God are "yes" in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:10), this is a promise to the "Israel of God" in Christ that WILL be fulfilled in the days immediately ahead of us, though our current status gives us reason to doubt.

It is not, then, a time to foolishly desire escape from the God-ordained time of testing for the bride, but a time to draw near in hope to the One who has called us to this amazing adventure.

NEXT: <u>Part 2</u> - The Four Horsemen – The four progressive forms of the final beast kingdom

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