

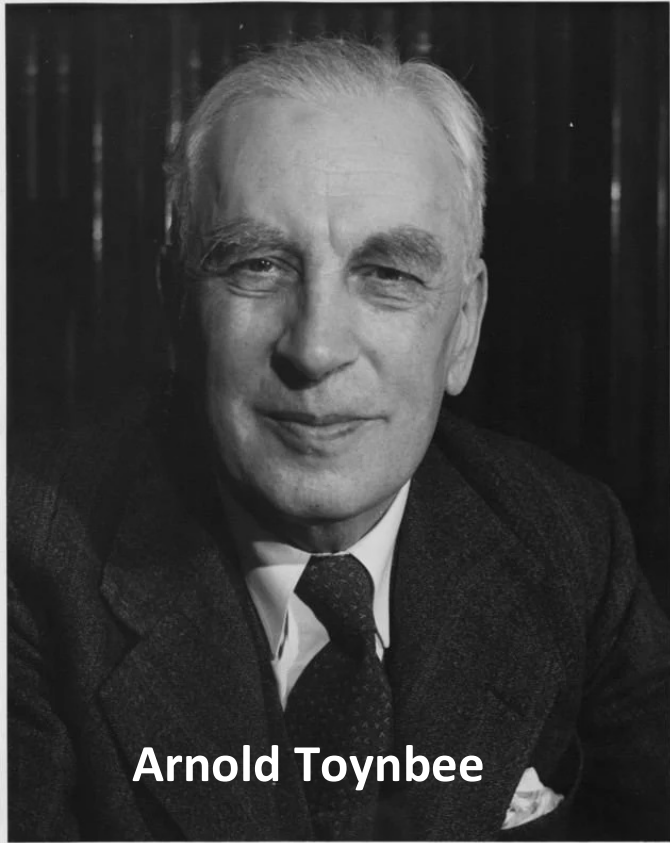
Revelation Chapter 13 part 1 -- Seven Heads of the Beast

Basic and General Study of Revelation *compiled by Gaetan.*

The 13th chapter of the Book of Revelation introduces us to two Beasts, also known as the Antichrist and False Prophet.

The World is desperate, waiting for a superman, a god-man who can solve all their problems and answer their questions, heal their economic ills, unite their politics, end their religious squabbles, stop the wars and bring permanent peace and union to all nations.





Arnold Toynbee

--A one-World government, one-World leader, one-World dictator--a Superman! Arnold Toynbee, the famous historian, expressed this need perfectly when he said:

"By forcing on mankind more and more lethal weapons, and at the same time making the World more and more interdependent economically, technology has brought mankind to such a degree of distress that we are ripe for the deifying of any new Caesar who might succeed in giving the World unity and peace."

The former Secretary General of Nato, Paul Spaak, adds, "We do not want another committee; we have too many already. What we want is a man of

sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people and to lift us out of the morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, be he God or the Devil, and we will receive him!"

Well, they won't have to wait much longer, because the Bible predicts that there is going to be such a person, or two persons really, in the last days of man's rule on earth who, in the guise of appearing to save the World, will bring it to the brink of total destruction just before Christ Himself returns to rule it and truly save the world.





To the World the Antichrist is going to appear as an angel of light, the most perfect man, the most powerful man, the greatest leader the World has ever known outside of Jesus Christ!--Smart and clever enough to solve all the World's problems--economic, political and finally religious.

For awhile it will seem that utopia has come at last, but the price to pay will end up, not only with compliance to the World government, the total control of freedom and personal religion and so on, but the eventual aim of the Enemy will be (paraphrasing *Luke 4:5-7*):

"Fall down and worship me or you cannot enjoy this great Heaven on Earth that I have created!--Behold, I give you all the kingdoms of the Earth, but the price is, fall down and worship me!" --And that's where the rub's going to come!



The details that are covered in this chapter are fascinating, but at the same time, it may seem complicated as we try to decipher what the heads and horns and crowns of this Beast represent. However, please don't be put off by all these details. The main thing to understand is that the Antichrist is the ultimate embodiment of the Beast. We don't have to hang a label on every head and horn—and at the moment we can't—but we do understand a considerable amount of what this vision represents, and so we will try to unravel at least some of the mystery here.

REV.13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The sea or waters in the Bible are often a symbol of the peoples of the World. (*Rev.17:5*) So that beast comes out of the masses of the people and empires of man.

REV.13:2 And the beast which I saw was **like unto a leopard**, and his feet were as the **feet of a bear**, and his mouth as the **mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

This Beast looks *"like unto a leopard"* with *"feet like a bear"* and a *"mouth as the mouth of a lion."* Does this Beast's description resemble anything we may have heard before? Yes, the beasts that Daniel saw in his vision representing different great empires of man. If you read the 7th Chapter of the Book of Daniel, you'll again see this great beast of Revelation 13 in its various forms, and learn that it represents various World empires that have ruled the Earth:



**** DAN.7:3-7** *And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings...And behold another beast, a **second, like to a bear**, and it **raised up itself on one side**, and it had **three ribs in the mouth** of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, **like a leopard**, which had upon the back of it **four wings** of a fowl...After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth** beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had **great iron teeth**...and it had **ten horns**.*



In Daniel 7 there came up a lion and that was the Babylonian empire, then a bear, Medo-Persia, after the bear, a leopard, which was Greece. So what does this mean, if the Beast in *Revelation 13* is part lion, part bear and part leopard? God is literally painting a picture for the Apostle here to show that this final empire, the Beast, is going to combine attributes from all these Empires. So you might say that the central part of the Antichrist empire will encompass these former empires, including the fourth beast, Rome.

According to many scholars, this Beast will be some kind of revival or similar to the old Roman Empire.

“Seven heads” In Revelation Chapter 17, we learn some important details:

**** REV.17:7,9,10** *And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of ...the beast ...which hath the seven heads and ten horns. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains... and there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*





"The seven heads are seven kings"--or kingdoms--"five are fallen"--Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece had all come and gone--"one is"--the Roman Empire was in power when John wrote this--"and the other is not yet come."--The Antichrist's final World empire!-- "And when he cometh, he must continue a short space." (The one "week" or seven years of Daniel 9:27)

-THE 7 GREAT WORLD EMPIRES OF HISTORY !-



EGYPT

ASSYRIA

BABYLON

MEDO-PERSIA

GREECE

ROME

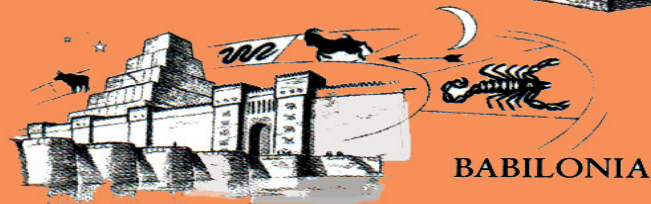
ANTICHRIST

So these seven heads are the seven great World empires that come and go on the stage of History from the days of earliest Egypt to this last great Antichrist empire which is rising even now. God is showing us by this Beast with seven Heads that the Antichrist government has always been in existence from the beginning. It's all the same Beast, although it has manifested its ugly head in the seven major governments that have ruled, and will rule, over the nations of Israel, the Middle East and the world. All these empires are part of the same beast, and they all get their power from the Dragon (the Devil).



EGIPTO

ASIRIA



BABILONIA

MEDO-PERSIA



GRECIA

ROMA



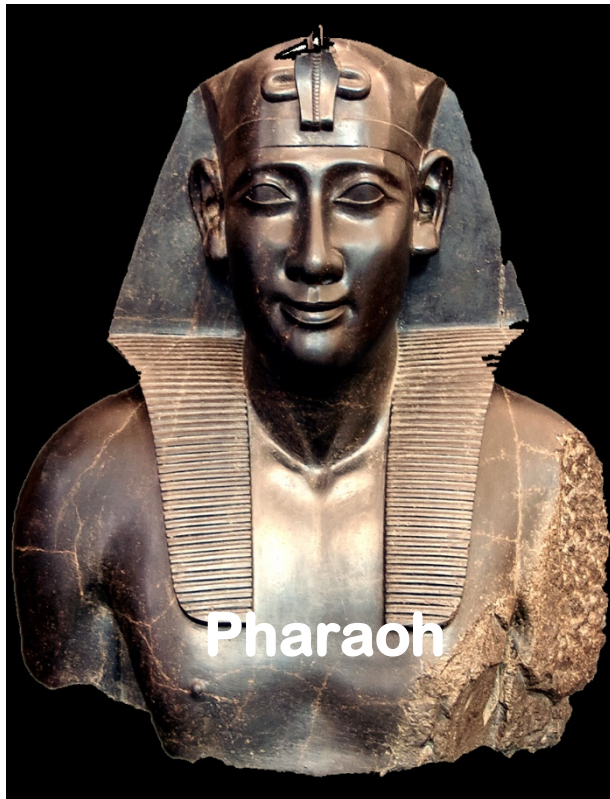
It helps to remember that the Bible is a book to, for, and about God's people. And so the events described in Revelation are directly related to them. In the Old Testament the Jews were God's people, but now in the days of the New Testament, God's people include everyone who has chosen to follow Jesus.

In Bible days, the Jewish people lived for periods of times as an independent nation, but they were also dominated and ruled by each of the empires mentioned in *Revelation 17:7-10*. Again in order they were Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and the Roman Empire.

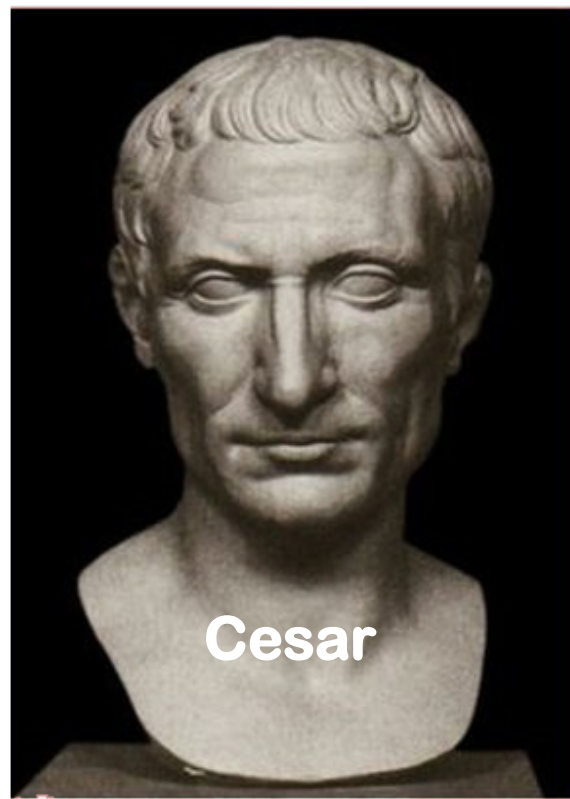
“The Dragon gave [the Beast] his power, his throne, and great authority” (verse 2).

The power behind the throne in all these empires that bore temporary rule over God's people and often cruelly persecuted them through the millennia, is none other than that great red Dragon, Satan (*Rev.12*). But now he is cast down to the earth, and he intends not just to be the power behind the throne but the very power himself in the person of the Antichrist.

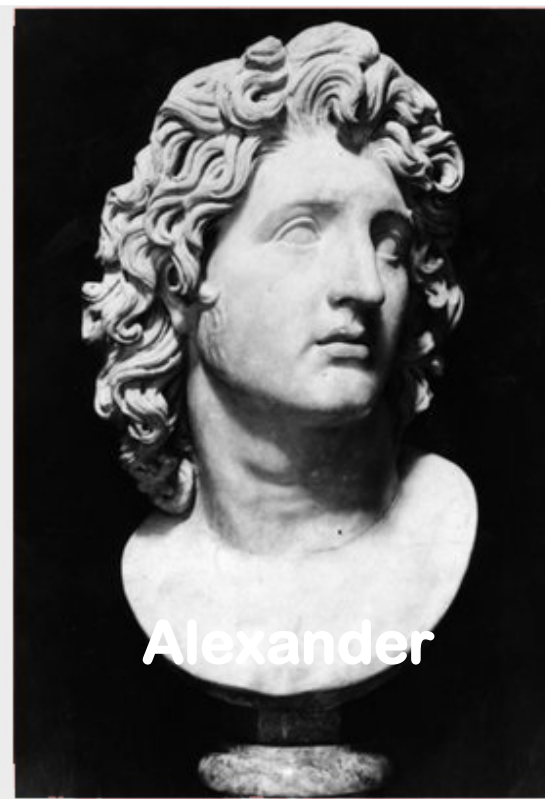
Things get a little complicated because the Beast is a seven-headed monster, and the Antichrist is represented by the seventh head. Yet the Antichrist is referred to in Revelation as the Beast, not just as one of the Heads. The Antichrist is the incarnation of the seven-headed Beast in the Last Days, and the whole Beast has been anti-God, anti-Christ, since it first manifested itself in the ancient Egyptian Empire. But when the Beast is referred to in this chapter, it is focusing specifically on the final Antichrist **“Head”**. Through history there have been some good personalities associated with and sometimes even ruling those ancient empires.



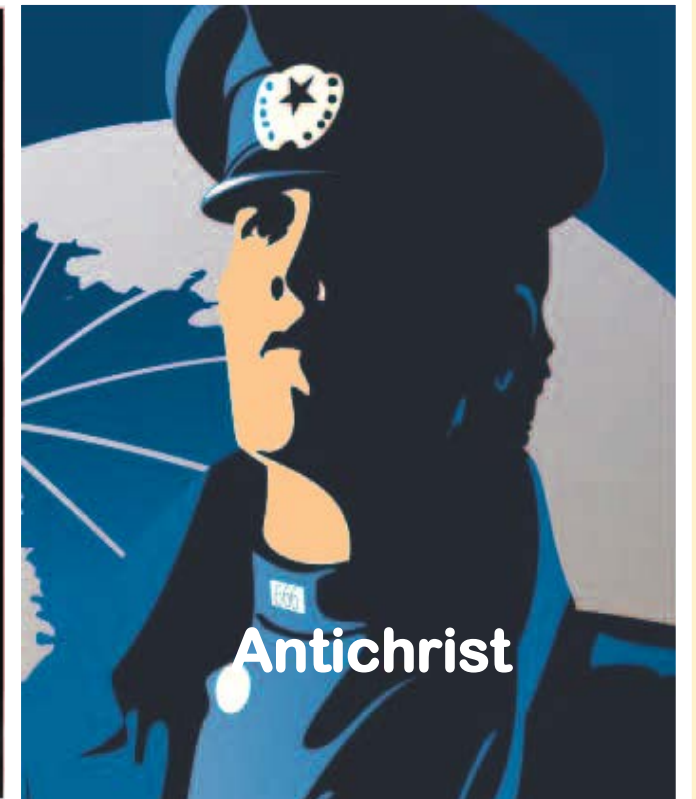
Pharaoh



Cesar



Alexander



Antichrist

Nevertheless, their underlying foundation was anti-Christ. *“The beast... shall ascend out of the bottomless pit.” (Rev 17:8)* No surprise then that these empires have often mounted persecution against God’s people.

You’ll have noticed that the Dragon and the Beast described in *Revelation 12 and 13* bear some remarkable similarities. They both have seven heads and ten horns, but they differ in that the Dragon has seven crowns upon his seven heads, whereas the Beast has ten crowns upon its ten horns.

**** REV.12:3** *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*



The
Dragon and
the Beast



That great red Dragon whom we just saw in the previous Chapter 12 is Satan himself who has been cast out of Heaven and who, in great wrath, persecutes and wars against the Church for 3½ years of Great Tribulation. He gives the 7th head, the Antichrist emperor of this last World empire, great authority!

The old serpent is not the Beast, but he possesses this monster, this Beast, this Antichrist man! For we learn in the second verse of this Chapter that *"the dragon*

gave "him" (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority." So they are two distinct but similar personalities. In other words, the Anti-Christ government of this world is practically one and the same with the Devil himself.

**** Dan.8:23-25** *In the Latter Time, when the transgressors are come to the full, a **king of fierce countenance**, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And **his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power (by Satan's power)** and he **shall destroy wonderfully**, shall prosper, practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also **he shall cause craft to prosper** in his hand; and he **shall magnify himself in his heart**, and **by peace shall destroy many**.*

Who are the ten Horns?



**THE
BEAST**

They symbolize ten kings of the End who cooperate with the Antichrist for a short time and **"receive power as kings one hour with the beast."** (Rev.17) The fact that the ten horns are wearing crowns shows that this prophecy is dealing with the time when these kings are in power--that is, with the final Antichrist government itself. Most Bible scholars believe these kings represent the major countries in Europe. It is still not clear at this time who are those 10 kings.

(Some believe they represent the 10 nations that received their independence after the collapse of the Soviet Union but remained in association with Russia through the organization of the Commonwealth of Independent States.)

**** REV.17:12** *And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

**** DAN.7:24** *And the ten horns out of this kingdom (Rome) are ten kings that shall arise...*

Who are the 10 kings of the Endtime??



Because these ten kings, kingdoms or powers had **"received no kingdom as yet"** during John's day, at the time of the 6th head, the Roman Empire, it's evident that these **"ten horns"** are all on the final seventh head, the Antichrist! **"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the Beast."** (Rev.17:12-13) In the Book of Daniel, these same 10 World powers who cooperate with and help put the Antichrist into power are described in further detail in **Daniel 2:41-44 and Daniel 7:7, 8, 20-24.**

To summarize what we've learned, these seven heads represent seven of the great world empires, who had or will have control over Israel, from Egypt on down to the final AntiChrist empire. The ten horns are ten kings and/or nations of the End, who cooperate with the Antichrist for a short time and receive power as kings one hour with the beast. The crowns point to the fact that those kings are in power during the time of the Antichrist.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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