

YT Video- The Dragon, Babylon, And The Anti-Christ

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Text [ESV unless otherwise indicated]

Rev 12:3 *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.*

Rev 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.*

Rev 17:3 *And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.*

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Rev 17:10 *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.*

Rev 17:11 *As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth, but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction.*

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I. The Woman & The Dragon

a. The Woman: Israel birthed Messiah

Rev 12:1 *And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.*

Rev 12:2 *She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.*

b. Red Dragon: 7 Heads & 10 Horns

Rev 12:3 *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.*

c. Seven crowns

G1238: *diadēma*

Thayer Definition:

1) a diadem

1a) a blue band marked with white which Persian kings used to bind on the turban or tiara

1b) the kingly ornament for the head, the crown

Note: Yeshua has many diadems:

Rev 19:11 *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.*

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

d. Led rebellion in Heaven

*Rev 12:7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,
Rev 12:8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.*

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

e. Tried to destroy the Man-Child

*Rev 12:4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And **the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.**
Rev 12:5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, **but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,***

f. Will persecute Israel for 1260 days

Rev 12:6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Rev 12:15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.

g. Will persecute the saints in the last days

Rev 12:17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Note: the saints are those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua.

h. Is Satan, The Devil & Deceiver

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II. The Harlot: Mystery Babylon

*Rev 17:1 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,***

Rev 17:2 **with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk.**"

Rev 17:3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and **I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.**

Rev 17:4 **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.**

Rev 17:5 And on her forehead was written **a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."**

Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman, **drunk with the blood of the saints**, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marvelled greatly.

- a. Great prostitute
- b. Seated on many waters
- c. Caused Kings and people to commit sexual immorality
- d. Arrayed in purple and scarlet, gold, jewels and pearls
- e. Name of mystery: Mystery Babylon, Babylon the Great
- f. Shed the blood of martyrs

III. **The City: Babylon the Great**

a. **Babylon the Great identified as the Prostitute of Rev 17**

Rev 18:2 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

b. **Spiritual Abomination**

Rev 18:1 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory.

Rev 18:2 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become **a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.**

c. **Centre of Global Commerce**

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."

d. **Come out of her**

Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

e. **Destroyed in a single day/hour**

Rev 18:8 For this reason *her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.*

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.

*Rev 18:10 They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! **For in a single hour your judgment has come.**"*

Rev 18:11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore,

IV. The Babylonian System

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- a. The Woman controls 7 continents
- b. The 7 heads also denote 7 key historical empires
- c. There are 10 nations [Kings] that will receive authority with the Anti-Christ [Beast] for 1 hour
- d. The current world order: US dominates. China, Russia, Iran, N. Korea are seeking to set up an alternative global order

V. The Scarlet Beast is Anti-Christ

Rev 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.*

- a. The Scarlet Beast [Anti-Christ] that the Whore [Mystery Babylon] sits on also has 7 heads and 10 horns, like the Dragon
- b. It has many blasphemous names
- c. However, the Dragon has 7 diadems on 7 heads while the Beast has 10 on the 10 horns. This suggests that Satan was ruler of the 7 world empires of the past while the Anti-Christ will rule over the 10 nations during the last 7 years.

"The seven heads (Rev. 17:9-10) on the beast vision are representative of the seven consecutive Gentile kingdoms and rulers which have spanned the course of earth's history. They represent the course of world history as it pertains to Gentile kingdoms and rulers - Egypt (Pharaoh), Assyria (Sennacherib), Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar), Medo-Persia (Cyrus), Greece (Alexander the Great), Rome (Julius

Caesar), and a Revived Roman Empire (Antichrist).” ----

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d63d5eabaa52d0001d2604f/t/5e5918eddc25991d51fab112/1582897390084/The+Identity+of+the+Antichrist.pdf>

d. The Beast rises from the sea [is a Gentile]:

Psa 74:13 You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.

Psa 74:14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

“In Daniel, the four beasts represent the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires, all of which inflicted suffering on God’s children. The beast from the sea in Revelation 13 is an amalgamation of all four of the beasts from Daniel’s prophecy. By combining the features of Daniel’s four beasts, this beast from the sea exists as an escalated threat to believers.”--

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/the-beast-from-the-sea>

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1. The sea has monsters of the deep like Leviathan
2. The sea also represents storms and chaos
3. The Beast has got features like the leopard, the bear and the lion, representing Gentile empires:

Rev 13:2 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.

4. The Beast belongs to the 7 Gentile empires of history.
5. Rejects gods of his fathers:

Sept Dan 11:37 And he shall not regard any **gods of his fathers**, nor the desire of women, neither shall he regard any deity: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Dan 11:38 And **he shall honour the god of forces** on his place: **and a god whom his fathers knew not he shall honour with gold, and silver, and precious stones, and desirable things.**

Note: the KJV in Dan 11:37 refers to “God of his fathers” leading many commentators to suggest that the Anti-Christ will be Jewish. The Hebrew word “Elohim” is plural. Hence the Anti-Christ will be gentile.

d. War against the saints

Rev 13:7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Rev 13:8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.