

THE BEAST AND THE HARLOT

THE BEAST (Symbolic of world ruling powers)

In the second chapter of Daniel we read of an image Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream which God shows the interpretation to Daniel as being four kingdoms, starting from Nebuchadnezzar, as the head, and ending with the toes at the return of the King of kings, and the Saints that takes over the world's kingdom. Dan.2:31-44

31 ¶ Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And whosoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

The breast and arms of silver is the next kingdom of the Medes and Persians. Dan. 5:31 AND 6:28 The belly and thighs of brass appear to be the kings of the South.

It is clear, starting with the legs of iron that this represents the king of the north that will be in power at the end of this age.

The image is an outline of Satan's four world ruling governmental powers that do rule over the whole world. God says he places the "basest" of men over these governments. Even though God is in control, He gives Satan power to be the god of this world. 2Cor. 4:4.

Those of you who are history buffs may add to this study some of the many nations that can be identified and included, who ruled within these four world ruling powers. The purpose of this study is mostly to connect scriptures that pertain to the same world ruling subjects.

#1. This great image of Dan. 2: is an outline of only the four great world ruling powers. Aside from Nebuchadnezzar no kings are individually identified by name, but are identified by locations instead.

#2. This world ruling system extends down to the end of our age when Yeshua returns with his heavenly army and destroys it.

"The" Beast is presented in Dan. 2, Rev. 13 and 17. Within "the" Beast power structure are lesser and /or other kings that operate within the same system. Rev. 17:8-11 shows the same Beast power in operation.

Rev.17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

10 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.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

#3. Only the last world government ruler, ruled by the eighth king, will go into "perdition", (perdition means destruction), meaning the last of the world ruling power on earth, the end of Daniel's image (Satan's world ruling government system).

Dan. 7: 7 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: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

This system extends to the very end of this age.

9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

The beast (world ruling power) ruled over the world for a period of time, then for a long time was thought of as no longer having, or ever having, any power, but it will emerge again as the legs of iron. From a seventh king, an eighth king (who is the "son of perdition, man of sin" spoken of in 2Thes.2:1-8) will come to power.

2Thes2:1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him (the resurrection),

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ (God's wrath) is at hand.

3 ¶ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin (will) be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Many people try to determine who the man of sin is. We are told here that "now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed.. ." God will "let" Satan do his thing until the "man of sin" is taken out of the picture, but He is withholding the full power of Satan's world ruling system until He decides it is the right time for it to revive again. First, God is fulfilling the promises (in part or type) that He made to Abraham that Israelites will become the greatest nations on earth (Gen.17:2-8, 49:1-28), then the "son of perdition" will be revealed. So when he appears, we who are followers of God, will know who he is. He will be revealed; we will not have to guess who he is. The number of his name will be 666. Daniel says, "the wise will understand, but the wicked will not." Dan. 12:10 When Yeshua becomes so disgusted with the nations of Israel and their idolatrous life styles He will turn Satan (the dragon) loose to resurrect the beast, (the world ruling system) again. It will usher in the "great tribulation" of Dan. 12:1 and Mat. 24:21-22.

This end of the age ruling system will determine to kill all Israelites and all commandment keeping followers of Yeshua.

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.

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.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon (Satan) which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? (Satan's world ruling governmental system)who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, (The word "saints" does not apply only to righteous people, but also to God's physical nations of Israel who were called by that same name in the O.T.) and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six = (666).

Dan.11:2-45 gives some historical information about the activities that go on during the rule of these four world ruling powers from the time of the Babylonian empire to the rule of Rome during the time of Yeshua. However, the king of the north described in the last part of the chapter is not the same king of Revelation. He is of the same structural system, but he is not the "man of sin". The "man of sin" appears at the end of our age, not before the time of Yeshua. The man of sin goes into perdition, (total death) but this king (Dan. 11:45) simply "comes to his end". In other words he just ceased being a world ruling government at that time.

As mentioned before, many historians may identify the individual names of these empire rulers and their detailed activities described in Dan. 11.

#4. The feet of part iron and part clay with it's ten toes extends from the legs of iron, or the fourth kingdom (Satan's last world ruling power), which appears at the end of this age.

They are partly strong and partly weak. They do not "mix". To find out more about these feet and toes we go to Rev.13 and 17.

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.

Rev. 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

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.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

These kings or countries have never joined , nor been agreeable, with the world ruling power at this point. In other words they are still unconquered. They disagree with the power structure from the beginning.

They have not been recognized as individual nations by the world ruling system. But because these ten nations hate the Israelites and the Yeshua followers, they decide to stop fighting against the world system and temporarily join forces with it, making it easier for them to wipe out all Israel and all other religions. They become a part of the legs of iron (world ruling system), as the ten toes on the two feet, but they don't really "mix" with it. Just as the Muslims do not "mix" with any of this world's governments, nor accept any of it's religions, who hate Israelites and all religions that is not theirs, these ten toes (nations) will display this same attitude. They are also still on the scene when Yeshua returns and destroys them with His army, along with many other nations united with the last world ruling power. (Rev.19:19-21)

Rev. 17: 14 ¶ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

THE LITTLE LAMB and THE HARLOT
Symbols of Religion

THE LAMB

Rev.13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

11 ¶ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here we get a glimpse of the society during the super power structure: there will be free, rich, and powerful along with poor, free, and unimportant people. There will also be “bond”, people taken into slavery. Christ said they would be conducting their lives as usual, marrying and giving in marriage. Up until the time God begins to pour out his wrath, those people who can turn their backs against the atrocities to Israelites and Christians, who have taken the “mark”, will go happily about their lives, living in a prosperous and growing society, able to buy, sell, build, work, trade, etc.

#5. It is Satan’s religious system that causes the mark of the beast. It makes the rules and the world powers enforce them upon the penalty of death.

THE WOMAN

#6.“The woman is a great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” She is also called “Mystery, Mother of Harlots, Babylon, and Abominations.

Rev.17:1 ¶ Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Harper's Bible Dictionary word "mystery" (and other helps) gives us information connecting this word with Satan's pagan religious systems, having been in operation for thousands of years.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

9. . . .The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

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.

13 These have one mind, (To destroy all Israelites and Christians) and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Satan's world ruling system).

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. (Is this not done by terrorist attacks?)

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth (She never reigned over the ten kings, (ten toes), who only joined with the power structure for a short time, long enough to destroy her).

16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

#6. The Lamb, the Man of Sin, and Son of Perdition, the Whore, False Prophet, Babylon, and the Mystery are all the same. They are all representative of Satan's false religious system.

Rev.16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

6 . . . they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

8 ¶ And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 ¶ And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

...there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

1 ¶ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 ¶ And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

In CONCLUSION:

The Beast of Daniel is symbolic of Satan's World System. This system started with king Nebuchadnezzar and extends to the very end of this age, when Yeshua returns with his saints and takes over world rulership.

The Beast of Revelation is the legs and feet of Dan.2:33-35. One of it's heads had been wounded (Rev.13:3) but revived to become powerful. People are so impressed with this power they worship Satan, (and the power structure).

Satan's strengthened world religious system enters a marriage with the world ruling government system, Church and State, causing the government to murder (or take into captivity) any who opposes his doctrines.

At the end of this age the ten toes (horns/kings) will join with Satan's revived world ruling power to better accomplish their goal to destroy Israelites and all religions not in agreement with their own. God uses them to destroy the False Prophet, (the false religious system of this world) which has been appearing as a Lamb, insisting that all nations submit to the world power, and its religious enforcement, by worshipping the image and taking the mark of this combined system.

If this ruling governmental system is the European League of Nations establishing world ruling power as a New World Order that has been brewing undercover for many years and the Catholic religious order is imposed on the world in a state and church marriage, we, as Christians, need to be aware of the events to follow and not be sucked into it. God warns us to "come out of it, my people".

If we are not very close to Yeshua and the Father, it will be very easy to become deceived (Mt.24: 11,24). There will be severe tribulation to Israel and commandment keepers, (especially

Sabbath keepers) during the time of the religious system's reign. It will turn all nations against Israel blaming them for the calamities of the world.

Near the very end (the 6th plague of God's wrath) Satan deceives the minds of the world ruling system, along with the support of the religious system, to call together all the nations, in the valley of Armageddon, to war against the appearing Yeshua and his heavenly army (rev.19:11-16).

Then during this time, when almost all flesh is consumed by famine and war God allows the united ten (toes) nations to destroy this evil religious system. He wars against the nations and slaughters their armies upon the mountains and feeds their corpses to the birds. The greatest earthquake in the history of time follows, destroying the rest of evil inhabitants of the world, sending 60 lb. hailstones down upon the earth in a great storm. Rev.16:21 and 19:18-21 This is the end of almost all of mankind, and the lifestyles of our society as we know it today. The Beast and False Prophet have been responsible for martyring Israel and Christians. All the earth will have been reshaped and blown up. There will be no more electricity, cars, highways, airplanes, ships, clean water, clean air, food supplies, cities or stores. Those few Gentile people who escape will have to start life over again with little or no resources to draw from.

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