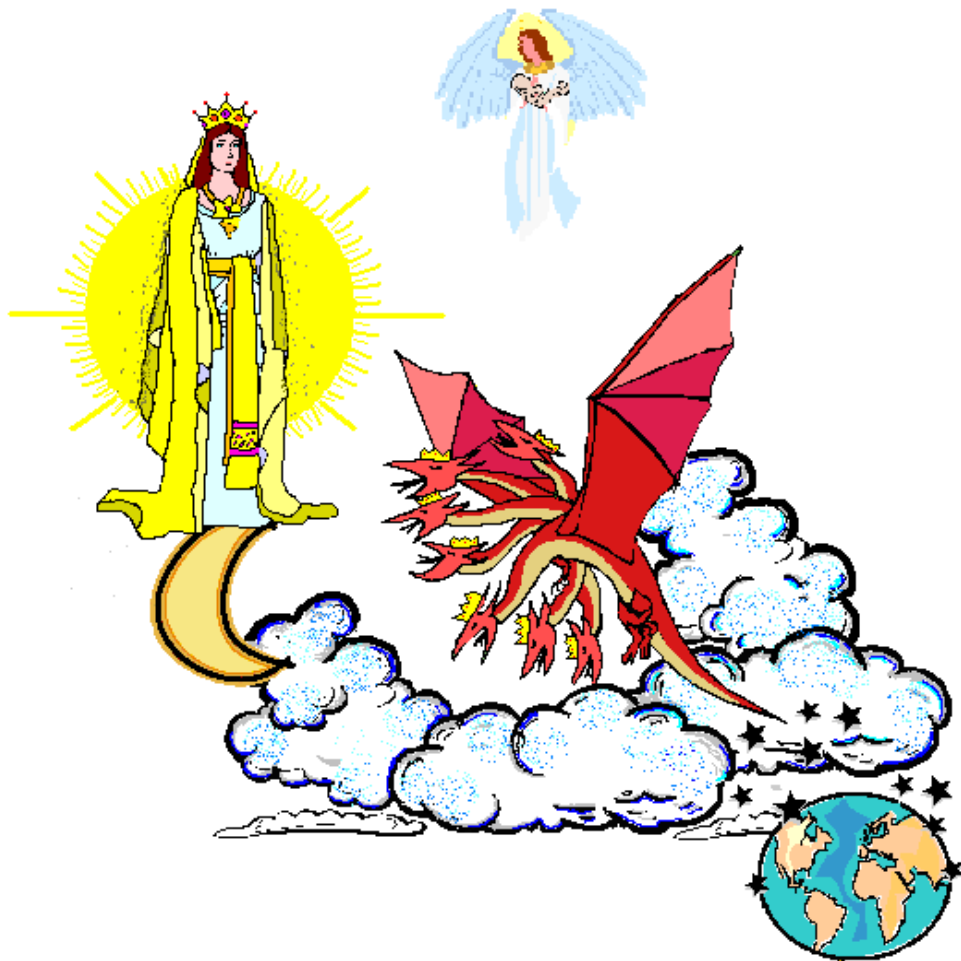


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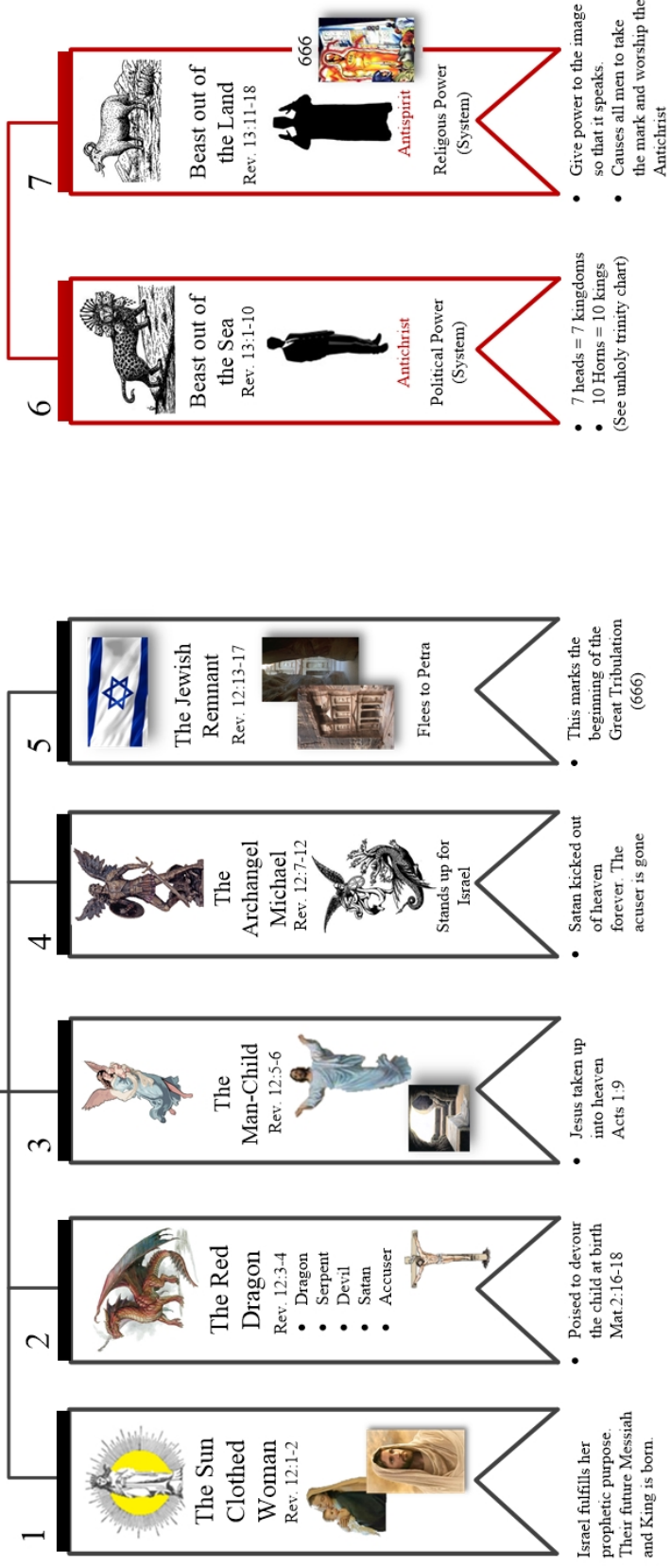
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Sun Clothed Women

Seven Personages in Imagery

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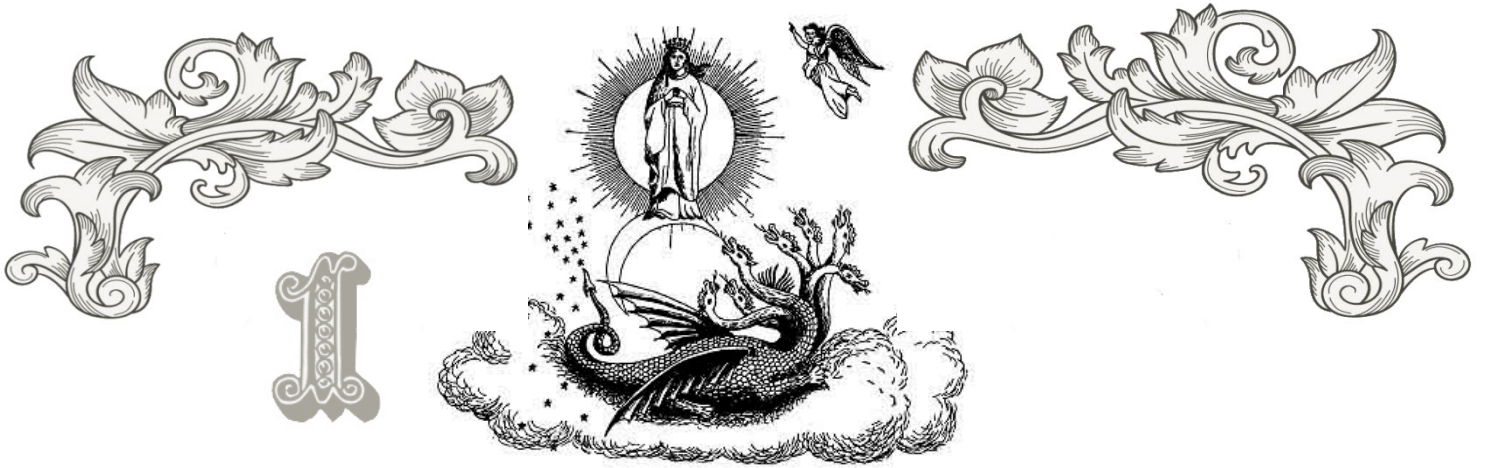


Chapter 12-13



Seven Personages in Imagery

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Chapter 12



Revelation 12:1-5 (NASB), ¹A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. ³Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems. ⁴And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. ⁵And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. ⁶Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared* by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

* Generally believed to be the city of Petra, in Jordan

The Sun-Clothed Woman (Israel)

In the middle of the tribulation week (3 ½ years), John tells us that two wonders will appear the sky. These two wonders are symbols and therefore should be interpreted as such. The first symbol is the “**Sun-Clothed Woman**.” Some have tried to interpret the woman as possibly the Virgin Mary and others claim she is the church. Neither one is a correct interpretation of who this women represents.

The Sun-Clothed Woman represents Israel. To show this we must go back and look at the story of Joseph and a dream he had.

Genesis 37:9 “Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

Remember this Sun-Clothed Woman is wearing a crown of twelve stars. Joseph was the twelfth star. The other stars represent the other eleven brothers. Together they represent the twelve tribes of Israel.

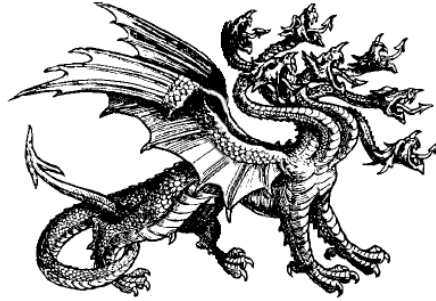
To get a better picture of the Jewish character of this Woman we must remember that Israel is described time and time again as a “woman” and a “married woman” (Isa. 54:1). During the time of her rejection she is spoken of as a “**WIDOW**” (Isa. 47:7-9, Luke 18:1-8) and a “**DIVORCED WOMAN**” (Isa. 50:1). Israel is mentioned as an “**ADULTEROUS WIFE**” (Jer. 3:1-25, Hosea 2:1-23).

The church, however, has never been referred to by any of these names. The church has always been referred to as a virgin, and an espoused virgin at that (II Cor. 11:2, Eph. 5:25-27). It is the church that is the bride of Jesus Christ and is given robes of white representing her purity. The Sun-Clothed Woman is described as being “with child,” and about to give birth. Nowhere in the Scriptures does it say that the church is supposed to become a mother, but it is so prophesied of Israel.

According to Paul,

Romans 9:4-5 ⁴“who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”

Here we see that Christ was to come from Israel. We also know the “promised seed” was to come through Israel, and the prophet Isaiah looked forward to the time when Israel could say, “Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given” Isa. 9:6-7. Before the promised heir could be born, Israel had to pass through many afflictions and judgments. This was her “**TRAVAIL TIME.**” This is certainly a description of who the Sun-Clothed Woman represents; she is Israel.



Revelation 12:3-4 ³“And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”

The Dragon (Serpent, That Devil, Satan ... Rev.12:1)

The second wonder in heaven is a “Great Red Dragon.” As to his identity, we are told in v9 he is called that “Old Serpent, The Devil.” His color which is red, is the color of the blood he has spilt, for he was a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The dragon has **SEVEN HEADS**, and **SEVEN CROWNS** and **TEN HORNS**. This also fits the description of John’s Beast out of the Sea Re. c13:1.

After He was baptized Jesus went into the wilderness to pray and there He would be tempted in a way only He could be tempted. After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights and had become weak and hungry Satan came to Him and tempted Him to turn the stones into bread. Jesus rebuked Him. Then a second time Satan took Jesus to a high mountain and in the twinkle of an eye showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, saying to Jesus,

Luke 4:6-7 "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

Satan told Jesus that “The kingdoms of this world have been delivered to me” v6. Notice that Jesus did not dispute his claim to the kingdoms of this world, and so it is even today. So let’s look at what were the kingdoms of this world that was given to Satan.

THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD

The best way to explain the seven heads and kingdoms is to let the Bible do it for us. So for a moment I want to jump ahead to chapter seventeen, and let the angel explain it.

Revelation 17:3, 7-10 (NASB), And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. ... ⁷ And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

⁸ "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come. ⁹ Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, ¹⁰ and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

Satan was correct when he told Jesus that the kingdoms of this world had been delivered to him, in fact the symbology given to us by the angel of chapter 17 reveals to us that the seven heads are world kingdoms. So the symbology is then of seven kingdoms that he wears as crowns on his head, but more on this later in the study.

The **SEVEN HEADS** are seven kings representing **SEVEN KINGDOMS**. Those seven kingdoms are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece. At the time of Johns writing these five kingdoms had fallen as the angel said. The one that is, was Rome, which John was well aware of. The one yet to come would be the kingdom that over took Rome and that was Turkish Ottoman Empire. The Ottoman Empire was not crushed as the empires before it, it surrendered at the end of WWI at the Treaty of Sevres in Paris, France 1920. The Kingdom did not die away, it basically suffered a "Head Wound" and right now it is made up of many Islamic states. It will rise again and its leader will be none other than the Antichrist. The Kingdom of the Antichrist will rise again and so will its leader who also will receive a head wound, mimicking the death of Jesus and like Jesus he shall recover from his head wound at the hands of the False Prophet and the world will be amazed and worship him.

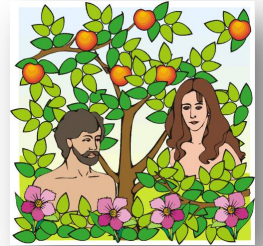
The Dragon – Out to Ruin God’s Plan

John tells us that the dragon stood poised before the “Sun-Clothed Woman” ready to devour her child as soon as she delivered. Now, it has always been Satan’s goal to ruin God’s plans so that the Messiah could not come into the world. There are at least four times scripture tells us of Satan’s efforts to ruin Gods plan.



1. The Garden of Eden, the fall of man:

Genesis 3:1-7 (NASB), ¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.



Even though Adam sinned God had already made a way to redeem him and all of mankind who would follow. However the fall of man did lead to the first Bible prophecy (Mother Prophecy) and the curse of Satan.

Gen. 3:14-15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

With this prophecy being made over the serpent (devil) he now became even more determined to prevent the birth of the promised seed. He would corrupt the human race with his seed so that there would be no chosen people and no righteous blood line to bring forth a messiah. It is here that we find what has come to be called the “**MOTHER PROPHECY.**”



2. The Corrupting of the Human Race

Genesis 6:1-4 “Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years. There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them.”

The children born to these women are known as the Nephilim, also called the runaways. Satan corrupted the gene pool of all mankind except for one. This lineage is called the Patriarchial bloodline and includes the ten Old Testament Patriarchs (Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah.) God caused all life on the earth except Noah and his family to be destroyed therefore the pure bloodline could continue, and so it did.

More of the condition of the world at that time and the reasons for it can be found in the Book of Enoch, The Book of Jasher and in the Book of Josephus.



3. The Massacre of the Innocent

Matthew 2:16 (NASB), Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

Again Satan made his third attempt to stop the Messiah from coming into the world. He filled Herod's heart with anger enough to kill all the children two years and younger in the hopes of killing the young child named Yeshua (Jesus) ... But God had a plan!

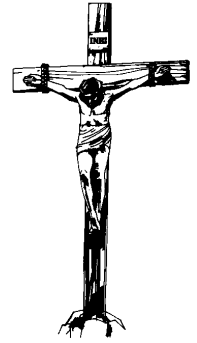
Matthew 2:13 (NASB), Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

When Joseph and Mary returned from Egypt they did not return to Bethlehem, but to Nazareth where Jesus would grow up. It is recorded in scripture “and He shall be called a Nazarene.” Matthew 2:23 (NASB), and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”



4. The Crucifixion of Jesus

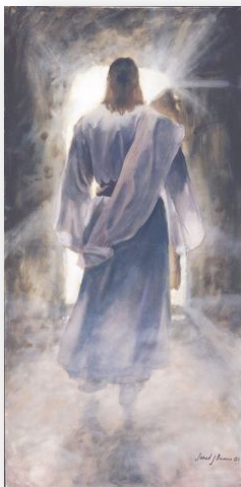
Matthew 27:33-37 (NASB), ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, ³⁴ they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting *it*, He was unwilling to drink. ³⁵ And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they *began* to keep watch over Him there. ³⁷ And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”



With the death of the Son and God all hell broke out in celebration congratulating Satan, the devil that ole dragon on finally over-coming and ruining God’s plan. The chosen Messiah was dead and now stood among them in the pit of hell with His head lowered, for He had just paid the penalty for the sin of all men, taking man’s place on the cross and now He stood in the pit of Hell. He wasn’t like all men He was different, an age old battle was finally over and Hell rejoiced thinking they had won, but it only seemed that way.

All the demonic realm of the under-world gathered around him crawling over one another to see the Son of God who now stood in their mist. They laughed; they cheered and mocked the one who now stood in front of them. They danced around him running into him to see what he would do, but he only stood there waiting until all the demonic creatures were finally gathered into this place.

Then the Son of God lifted His head and looked around, all of hell watched in anticipation of what He would say, after all they knew the truth , had they really finally conquered the Son of God? Suddenly as all Hell looked on, the eyes of Jesus began to shine brightly and a great light over shadowed Him and all of Hell began to push and shove and run over each other trying to escape the light that was blinding to them. A glorious light shot out of Jesus striking all the demons of Hell.



The demons and evil spirits of old now suddenly changed into hideous and grotesque creatures which was an outward picture of their own corrupted hearts.

Hell was not so glad to see the Son of God now, but the Son of God still had a promise left to keep.

Luke 23:43 (KJV), “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you, Today shall you be with me in paradise.”

Ephesians 4:7-10, ⁷ But each one of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. ⁸ Therefore God says, ‘When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.’ ⁹ But this, ‘He ascended’ —didn't he also first descend into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things” (Ephesians 4:7-10 quoting Psalm 68:18).



The Man-Child (Jesus Christ)

Revelation 12:5-6 ⁵“She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”



The Woman we have already shown to be Israel. This twelfth chapter of Revelation temporarily jumps back and symbolically gives us an overview of this eternal struggle between God and Satan. Verse five shows us the birth of Christ and His ascension into heaven (after His death on the cross).

There is then a gap of time between v5 and v6, this is the **CHURCH AGE**. The reason it is not mentioned here is because the tribulation is not a church event it is for the Jews and the city of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:24). In v6 Israel flees under the persecution of the Antichrist at the mid-point of the tribulation. We know this is the mid-point of the tribulation because we are told the woman (Israel) is taken care of for one thousand two hundred and sixty days or 3 ½ years.

Matthew 24:16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

Mark 13:14 "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not' (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

The fact that the church is left out of Tribulational prophecies is repeated several times in Scripture. In Daniel chapter nine the angel Gabriel does not mention the church in his prophecy to Daniel. He skips over it as if he knew nothing about it and goes straight from the death of Christ to the abomination of the temple. The church (or bride of Christ) is never mentioned by Gabriel, yet we know that it exists today.

In this scene that is taking place in the heavens, John describes for us a picture of the eternal struggle of Satan to destroy God's plan. The scene is both historically and prophetically accurate: the Woman (Israel) about to give birth to the Son of God and Satan poised to destroy the child. The child is born and taken to heaven (the life and death of Christ).

The church age is not talked about here, but rather the next thing we are shown is the woman (Israel) fleeing into the wilderness because of the persecution by the dragon (Satan). This future persecution will be by the hand of the Antichrist. The "Sun-Clothed Woman" brought forth the "Man-Child" who would rule the nations (future) with a "Rod of Iron." There can be no question as to who is meant by the "Man-Child." He is no other than Jesus.

Psalms 2:8-9 "Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a **rod of iron**; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

The fulfillment of this prophecy:

Revelation 19:15 "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

The Woman Flees

Revelation 12:6 "Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days."



The Archangel (War in Heaven)

Revelation 12:7-12, ⁷“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

The scripture above is actually the second time we are told of a war happening in heaven. The scripture below tells of the first time.

Isaiah 14:12-15 (NASB), ¹²“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! ¹³“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ¹⁴‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ ¹⁵“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

This war in heaven ultimately ends up with Satan and his angel’s final expulsion from heaven and onto the earth. Until this point in time Satan has had access to God and has

acted as an accuser of men, which is also one of his titles, “**THE ACCUSER.**” We can find an account of this happening to Job.

Satan argues before God that He is protecting Job, 2000 years before Christ.

Job 1:6-12 (NASB), ⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.” ⁸ The LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.” ⁹ Then Satan answered the LORD, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face.” ¹² Then the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.” So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

Revelation 12:10-12 (NASB), ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. ¹² For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”

Satan’s repeated access to heaven now becomes closed, and he and his demons are cast back onto the earth.



Two Parties to War

Satan

and his Kingdom



He is called the “Prince of the Powers of the Air” (Eph. 2:2), and the “god of this world” (II Cor. 4:4). There is a difference between being the “god of this world,” as in this “world system” and being the “God of this Earth.” Look at I Cor. 10:26 “For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.”

Satan will seek to take over and be the god of the world's systems, such as business, society, politics, and religion. He is the ruler of the “*Powers of Darkness*” of the spirit world (Eph. 6: 11-12). So mighty is he that man cannot successfully resist him without divine help. Satan is the King of the underworld and has a Kingdom. Jesus mentioned it when He said:

Matthew 12:26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

The Apostle Paul tells us:

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

From this we can tell that Satan's Kingdom consists of Principalities, Powers, Rulers of Darkness and Wicked Spirits in Heavenly Places. Once Satan is kicked out of heaven he also knows he has only a short time and his reign on the earth will be over. In chapter 13 he then pictured as the **BEAST OUT OF THE SEA**.

The Angel

Michael



The first time we are introduced to Michael is in the book of Daniel. In the book of Daniel, Michael is called “one of the Chief Princes,” “Your Prince,” “Great Prince which stands for thy people” (Daniel 10:13, 10:21, 12:1). Michael is the one who is chosen from among the “Chief Princes” that stand before God, to be the protector of Daniel's people, the Jews. Michael's appearance here is confirmation that this part of the Book of Revelation is Jewish, and a continuation or supplement to the Book of Daniel.

Special Note: Other angels mentioned in the Scriptures are **GABRIEL** and **LUCIFER**. However, other names have been given such as Uriel, Sealtiel, Jhudiel, and Barachiel. In the Book of Enoch, (reference “The Book of Parables” sec. 40.9 pg.59) Enoch tells of four angels he says are “Angels of the Most High.” They are **MICHAEL** (the merciful and longsuffering), **RAPHAEL** (in charge of all diseases and all the wounds of the sons of men), the **GABRIEL** (in charge of all the powers) and the fourth is **PHANUEL** (in charge of repentance and hope of those who will inherit eternal life). It is important to note that these names do not appear in the Bible. Some claim that there are seven archangels, but this claim is not supported in Scripture. There may be confusion about the mention of the seven angels that stand about the throne of God found in Rev. 8:2. There are also references to seven angels being involved with several of the judgments in the Book of Revelation.

It is The Archangel Michael who will be involved with the resurrection of the dead, because he is associated with the “**RESSURECTION**” mentioned in Dan. 12:1-2. It is Michael who is at the burial spot of Moses to resurrect his body (Jude 9) when he has to contend with Satan over the body of Moses.

Jude 9 (NASB), But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

It is also the voice of the Archangel Michael that will be heard when the “Dead in Christ” shall rise (1 Thess. 4:16).

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NASB), For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

At the point when Satan is finally cast out of heaven there will be great rejoicing in heaven, but there is still coming the 3rd “Woe” for the inhabitants of the earth. Satan, who is the “Dragon,” will be filled with great wrath because he knows that he has but a short time left.

Michael shall cast Satan out of heaven head first and straight for the earth. Satan will then start a campaign of unbelievable persecution of the Jews (the Sun-Clothed Woman) as mentioned by Daniel c9 and foretold by the angel Gabriel. This is known as the time of the “**GREAT TRIBULATION**,” the last three and a half years.

Daniel 9:24 (NASB), “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city,

Daniel 10:14 (NASB), Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet *future*.”



Revelation 12:13-17 (NASB), ¹³“And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. ¹⁴But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. ¹⁷So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”

The Jewish Remnant

Revelation 12:13-16 “Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.”



ible translators have understood the reference to "**TIME, TIMES AND HALF A TIME**" (i.e. time=1 year, times=2 years, half a time is 6 months $1+2+0.5=3.5$), as "1,260 days" and "42 months" mentioned in Daniel and Revelation to be references to represent a period of 1260 days (based on the 360 day Jewish year multiplied by 3.5).

After Satan is thrown out of heaven he will then concentrate all his attention and hatred on the “Sun-Clothed Woman” (or the Jews) who gave birth to the “Man-child” (Christ).

The reference to the fact she will be given two great Eagle's wings to flee on, is a reminder of Ex. 19:4 when God said

Exodus 19:4 "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself."

Once again God will make their journey swift as Eagle wings into the wilderness to escape the wrath of Satan. Some speculate that this hiding place will be the city of Petra because of its fortifications. Wherever it is, God will keep them safe for three and a half years.

Luke 21:20-24 (NASB), ²⁰ "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. ²¹ Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; ²² because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. ²³ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; ²⁴ and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.



The Antichrist will take his vengeance out of God's people, the ones who did not flee into the wilderness. Here John tells us that many will be killed and it has been suggested as many as half the city of Jerusalem will die and those who are not killed will be dragged away as slaves. It is at this the time that the Antichrist will defile the temple and sit in the Holy of Holy places and declare himself to be God.



The City of Refuge (Petra)

Matthew 24:15-22 ¹⁵ "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ "And pray that your

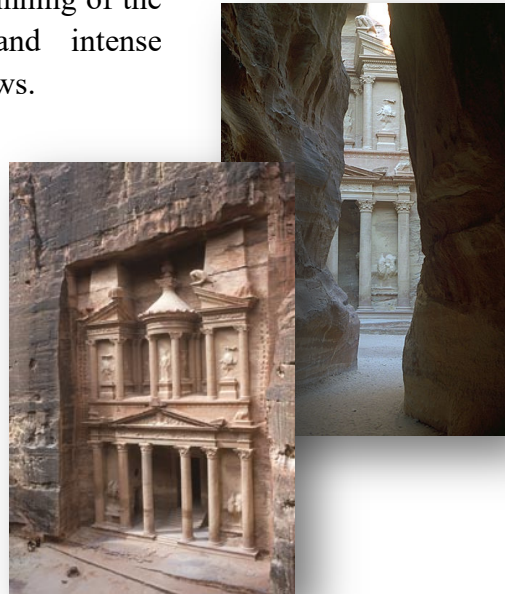


flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹"For then **there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

²²"And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened (Ref. Luke 21:21).

Throughout the Scriptures there are mentions of “**CITIES of REFUGE**,” places where someone, or a group of people could go to escape from their pursuer. This is the beginning of the last half of the tribulation week and intense persecution will start, especially for the Jews.

The ancient city of Petra will be that “City of Refuge” for God’s people. It is located in Jordan, south of the Dead Sea. It is in the mountains like the crater of a volcano. It has one entrance and that is through a narrow, winding canyon from 12 to 40 feet wide. The height of the sides are from 200 to 1000 feet and the length of the canyon is about two miles.



Revelation 12:17 “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Unable to destroy the “Woman,” the Dragon, in all his rage, will then make war with the remnant of her seed. The remnants are those Jews left in Palestine and among the nations including those who have taken the seal of God and known as the **SAINTS**. The work of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists has helped fuel the largest revival the world has ever seen. In a final effort to destroy these saints, the Dragon will give the Beast his power and his seat and his great authority.



Before we move on to Revelation chapter 13 we need to take a small detour back into the book of Daniel chapter 7. His vision in chapter 7 was for the latter days and so it is important to understand what the angel showed to Daniel, the message is true and it is for us today.

The Connection Back to Daniel

Even though Daniel lived in the time of the Babylonian captivity and he served several kings both Babylonian and Persian, what he wrote and prophesied about not only pertained to the present king but as he and the angel both said, it is for the “latter days”, and / or “time of the end.” Daniels prophecies were, in large part, for the time just before the return of Jesus Christ.

Daniel 2:28 (NASB), “However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind *while* on your bed. ²⁹ As for you, O king, *while* on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.”

Daniel 10:14 (NASB), “Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.”

Daniel 12:4 (KJV), “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

The four beasts Daniel saw come up out of the sea were representative of four “**LATTER DAY**” kingdoms, or as we would call them today **SUPER POWERS**. Remember ... nothing last forever and so it is true even with superpowers. In today’s world a nation may raise to be a superpower, but it can also fall as a superpower. Unlike the days of Daniel nations are not crushed they simply lose their power in the struggle, conflict, or war.

The **FOUR BEAST** of Daniel chapter 7

are four kingdoms which, according to Daniel,

Precede the "end-time" and the coming of the

"Kingdom of God" on earth.

Daniel 7:1-8 (NASB), ¹In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he wrote the dream down *and* related the *following* summary of it. ²Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.



What Daniel describes are the four beasts that came up out of the water. In Daniels time these kingdoms did not exist and the understanding of them was sealed up in the book c12:4 for us today. The sealing of the book has been removed and its prophetic message is being revealed. I believe that the reason for the revealing of the book now is because we are that last church age and we having already seen the first 3 beasts (Lion, bear, and leopard) appear. The world is heading towards the time of the Great Tribulation and the revealing of the 4th beast and his army. History has recorded the events of the first 3 beasts, they are for us the fulfillment of Daniels prophecy and have become prophetic markers for those who are seeking the soon return of Jesus Christ.

At their height of power each of the 3 beasts (Superpowers) it is important to understand that they did not rule the world during their time, but then neither did they pass away.

Daniel 2:28 (NASB), " However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the **LATTER DAYS**. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed."

Daniels

4 Beasts of Chapter 7

The Kingdom of the Lion with Eagles wings

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Daniel 7:4, "The first *was* like a lion and had *the* wings of an **EAGLE**. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it."

There is no other nation today that so represents the **LION** as does **England**.

The three lions represent the three parts of the UK:

1. The **Lion of England**
2. The **Scottish Unicorn**
3. The **Harp of Ireland**



Great Britain was once the major world power, having power over 1/5 of the world's population. At their height, they were the largest empire in the world and held power for over 100 years. There was a time when it could be said of England that "The sun never set on the English flag." Today that is not the case. The American colonies signed their Declaration of Independence, in 1776. America severed their political connections to Great Britain, and as it is seen in Daniels prophetic imagery the wings of the Lion were plucked off (as by force). The wings according to Daniel were "Eagle wings" v4. Then the two eagle wings were lifted up and **made** to stand on its own two feet like a man and a human mind was given to it, and with it the United States of America was born ... America's national symbol is the eagle with its wings spread open ... prophecy fulfilled.



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Daniels

4 Beasts of Chapter 7



The Kingdom of the Bear



Daniel 7:5, "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'"

Today the world is very familiar with the nation whose symbol is the bear. It seems that **Russia** has a prophetic appointment with end-time events. When Jesus said in His Olivet Discourse that there shall be "wars and rumors of wars" (Mt. 24:6), there was no Russia, but today they are in the mix of all wars either by direct involvement or by proxy. The three bones in the bear's mouth would seem to represent all the death the bear has caused. Today Russia fits this prophetic picture.

The Kingdom of the Leopard

⁶After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.



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The prophetic picture of the Leopard is a perfect fit for **Germany**, whose Leopard tanks have been used predominantly in European armies since their introduction in the 1960's. Germany sought to be a World power and caused much suffering before being defeated in WWII by the Western Allies.



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The Kingdom of the 4th Beast



Iron and Clay Mixed

Daniel 2:40-43 (NASB), 40 Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces. 41 In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. 42 As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. 43 And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.



The Iron in this picture I believe to be a small part of the old Roman Empire joining with the new kingdom that will arise. This kingdom will be the same one that received a "head wound" in Rev. 13:3. This kingdom will rise again in one form or another and it will be powerful and will last for times, time and half a time. I believe this end-time kingdom will be the revived Ottoman Empire.



If there is any small vestage of the Romans today it would be in the Roman Catholic church. Look for its leader will join this new government as spiritual leader and help bring billions of the faithful into the new **Antichrist** kingdom.



The Ottoman Empire was not wiped out, but rather it surrendered after being defeated in WWI (hence the head wound). It will rise back up during the tribulation period and its wound be healed. Its goal is to rule the entire world, it will seek for new alliances to bring in the masses. In comes the Catholic Pope. The religious and spiritual man ... he will become the **Anti-spirit**.



Iron and Clay mixed ...
Rome and the Ottomans

The 4th future
Beast out of
the Sea



Mixed Kingdom
Ten Horns Ten Kingdoms



10 Horns are the end-time
10 nation confederacy

Now in chapter seven Daniel is given a closer look at the nations (super powers) that will rise up in the “**LATTER DAYS**” c2:28. These four kingdoms will all be in existence when Jesus returns.

The KINGDOM of the **FORTH BEAST**

Daniel saw a forth beast come up out of the sea, and it was “**dreadful and terrible and exceedingly strong.**” This kingdom would be different from all those which had come before it.

⁷ After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and **THREE** of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great *boasts*.



Daniel tells us that while he was contemplating the ten horns another horn came up from among the ten (v8) he called it a little horn, and this little horn Daniel sees is the same that John saw in Revelation ¹³ (Beast out of the Sea). In both cases (Daniel and John) the imagery given is that of the rise of the Antichrist. His kingdom will be made up of these ten kings who will rule over the kingdoms of the ten toes of iron and clay.





Coat of arms (1882 design)

The Forth Kingdom
(Approx. 622 A.D.)

Becomes

The Ottoman Empire

1299-1923



Flag (1844-1923)

Islamic Caliphate



4

Legs of Iron
(Dan 2:40)

More terrible
then the others

The Age of the Caliphs

Beginning with Muhammad 622 AD - 750 AD

Daniel 2:40, "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

In contrast to the Roman Empire, the Islamic Caliphate from its inception was an Arab-Islamic-supremacist force that crushed and erased the cultures and religions of the peoples it conquered. This is due to the uniquely all-encompassing ideology of Islam, which includes control over every facet of life. The very name Islam means "submission" to the laws of Allah, the Muslims' god and the practices of Muhammad their prophet. Wherever Islam went, it brought with it this oppressive ideology of submission. Islam conquered all the regions of the former Babyloian, Medo-Persian, and Grecian empires thus fulfilling Daniel 2:40.

The Ottoman's began their rise to power with a man named Osman around 1299. He was followed by his son Mehmed II who would become the first Sultan. In 1453 the Ottomans conquered Constantinople and with it stamped out the last trace and evidence of the old Roman Empire.

One of the seven heads of the Beast out of the Sea of Johns vision (Rev. 13) receives a fatal head wound. The heads represents kingdoms and the kingdom of the Ottoman empire received that head wound by the West at the close of WW1 at the treaty of Sèvres in Paris, France 1920. The Republic of Turkey came out of this treaty (one of the four horns of Daniels "He Goat" Dan. 8:8-12).

The Ottoman kingdom was considered "dead" and its territory divided into the individual Islamic states that we see today, but the scriptures tell us that this kingdom is going to come back to life. (Rev. 13:1-3)

The Rise of the modern day Islamic People and the End of Days.
The Head Wound is Healed.

The Angel of Daniel 7 Interprets Daniels Vision

Daniel 7:17-21 (NASB), ¹⁷ ‘These great beasts, which are four *in number*, are four kings *who* will arise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’ ¹⁹ ‘Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, ²⁰ *and the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three *of them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates. ²¹ I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them ²² until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.



ere is the explanation of it all, and the reason I have given you the charts to refer to. Daniels four beasts from out of the sea chart, shows the imagery of world events. The vision was of the rise and fall of world kingdoms present and future. The fourth beast is different from the rest. The fourth beast is a prophecy of a future time in the latter days.

The angel comes to Daniel to explain this fourth beast, the explanation of which is “exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, **CRUSHED** and **TRAMPLED** down the remainder with its feet” v19 (Also found in Revelation 17:12-14 - they are the same beast). In Daniels vision the fourth beast has ten horns on its head and another horn which comes up v20. This horn that comes up is said to make war against the saints and overpowered them, until the **ANCIENT OF DAYS** come (a reference to Christ second coming and the Battle of Armageddon. This horn which comes up is no other than the Antichrist).



The Imagery of chapter eight is another look at Alexander and his four Generals. In chapter eight Daniel describes imagery of a creature he calls the **HE-GOAT** along with a short history lesson. This He-Goat has four horns on its head. The four horns again represent Alexander’s four generals. Daniel saw another **LITTLE HORN** come up from among one of the original four horns. The horn represents a person for scripture says this horn had a face on it v20. This little horn is forward looking to the **LATTER DAYS** when he will again emerge as John’s **BEAST OUT OF THE SEA** as described in Rev.13, 17.



Chapter 13



The **B**east

From out of the Sea

Here in chapter 13 John tells us of his vision of the Beast that Daniel saw and prophesied about. This becomes the New Testament **SUBSTANCE** of the Old Testament imagery of end-times events.

Revelation 13:1-10 (NASB), ¹ And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names. ² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

Fourth Wild Beast Dan. 7:7-8, 19-20, 23, 25



Daniel 7

7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong, and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it, and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

19 "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, 20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and [which] was larger in appearance than its associates.

23 "Thus he said, 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

25 He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

The Little Horn of the He-Goat Dan. 8:8-12, 23-25



Daniel 8

8 Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken, and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

The Little Horn

9 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. 10 It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trumpeted them down. 11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host, and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down. 12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice, and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

23 "In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, A king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue 24 "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree, And prosper and perform his will. He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. 25 "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence, And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken, without human agency."

A Look at the Antichrist



The Wilful King Daniel 11:36-39



Daniel 11

36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. 37 He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all. 38 But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. 39 He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

Paul's Foreview 2 Thess. 2:3-12



II Thessalonians 2

3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming, 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

John's Foreview Revelation 13:1-7



Revelations 13

1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were seven crowns. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. 3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast, 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemous, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name and His abode, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

John's Vision

of the two Beasts

Revelation 13: 1-3, 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.

1st Beast out of the Sea

(Rev. 13:1-7)

Beast out of the sea and full of blasphemy whose body is of a **leopard**, feet of a **bear**, mouth of a **lion**. Has seven heads and ten horns



7 Heads (Kingdoms)

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Medo-Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. Turkish Ottoman Empire

* Seven heads are Seven hills / mountains which are kingdoms. (Rev.17:9) In prophecy references to hills and mountains are often pictures of kingdoms. ie: Dan.2:44-45

* Ten Horns have ten crowns and are ten kings (which will be appointed by the Antichrist) which have no kingdoms yet, but is given power by Antichrist. Ten kings will sit on the ten toed kingdoms represented by the ten toes of the Colossus statue of Daniel 2. These ten kingdoms will be established when Jesus Christ returns and He will fight the armies of these ten kings.

Political / Economic Power

* Antichrist will gain great power and position in the worlds Governments and finances.

Revelation 13:16-17, "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.

* The word "causes" means that he does this by *[force]*.

The Dragon gives the Beast

1. His power
 2. His seat
 3. Great authority
- (Rev. 13:2)



The
Antichrist

(Called the Assyrian)
(Isa. 10:5-6, 30:27-33)



his beast that John sees is a composite of Daniel’s four beasts out of the sea, in that this beast has the head of a **LEOPARD** and its feet were like those of a **BEAR**, and its mouth was like that of a **LION**. The imagery of the Bear, the Leopard and of the Lion are pictures (imagery) of present day nations.

This is the fourth beast of Daniel c7 and this beast has **SEVEN HEADS**, and **TEN HORNS**, and upon the horns were **TEN CROWNS**. The Dragon (Satan) gives this beast his power, and great authority.

This beast out of the water is the “**LITTLE HORN**” of Daniel c7:8 and of the “**HE GOAT**” of Daniel c8:9. All the imagery of Daniel now comes upon the world in the image of this seven headed beast with ten horns and ten crowns on its horns. This beast is the one called the “**ANTICHRIST.**”

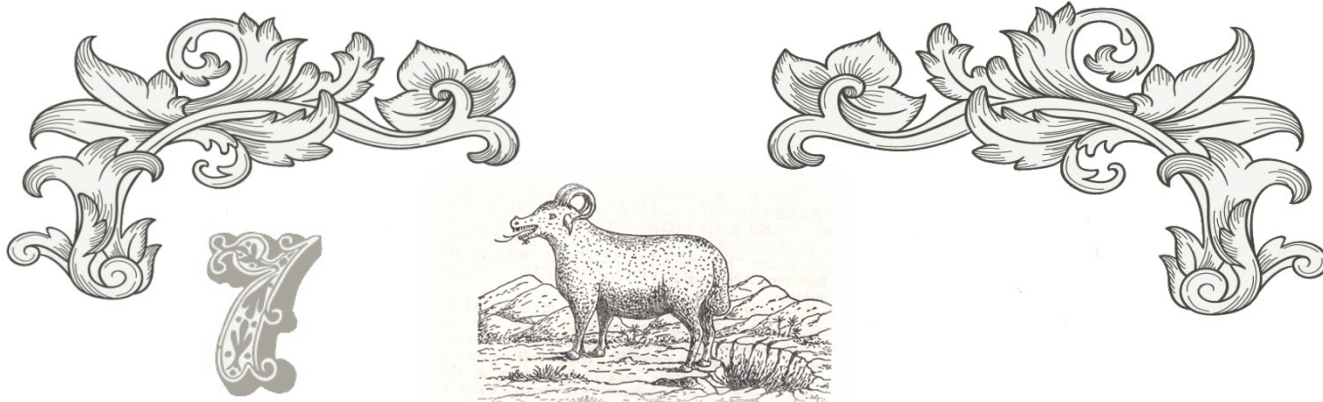
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Political Power

Later in chapter 17 an angel explains for us the imagery that we are being told of here.



The 2nd Beast

From out of the Earth

The Second Beast – False Prophet / Anti-spirit
(Religious Power)



Religious
Influence

Revelation 13:11-18 ¹¹“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.”



With the emergence of this third beast we have the completion of the **UN-HOLY TRINITY**. Satan (the **dragon**) who wishes to be God, The Beast out of the sea (**antichrist**), who was dead but now is alive and the Beast out of the earth (**false prophet**), who causes all men to worship the first beast. Satan seeks to imitate everything about God and wants to be God. His goal is to force all men by his lies and deceit to worship the first beast. Even Jesus talked about this time:

Matthew 24:23-26 ²³Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴ "For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it."

Un-Holy Trinity

Dragon (Satan)

Antigod



The Great Dragon, the Serpent, The Devil, Satan
Rev.12:9

Antichrist

Given his power by the Dragon (Satan)

Beast out of the Sea



Political Power



Seven Heads are Seven Kingdoms
Revelation 17:9-12








 Egypt Assyria Babylon Persia Greece Roman Ottoman

10 Horns are the end-time 10 nation confederacy - The Two Theories
1. The E.U. (European Union) 2. The Revived Ottoman Empire

False Prophet

Antispirit

Beast out of the Earth
Daniel 8:3; Revelation 13:11-18



Religious Influence



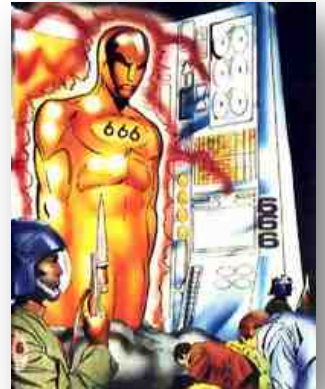
All the power of the 1st beast and causes all men to worship the first Beast.
Rev.13:12

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Causes all men to take the Mark. Rev.13:16

In v12 John tells us that this second beast out of the earth uses all the power of the first beast, and **CAUSES** the world to worship the first beast. Notice the word “causes.” Some will not need convincing, but then there are those who will need to be “caused” to worship the beast, as if by force. This **FALSE PROPHET** or **ANTI-SPIRIT** produces signs, such as fire out of heaven v13, that he may deceive the world into worshipping the Antichrist.

¹As a sign of their loyalty, the false prophet will demand an **IMAGE** to the Antichrist be erected in the temple. The false prophet then gives life to the image and causes it to speak. All those who refuse to now worship this live image as their god will be killed. More loyalty will be demanded, and all men, rich and poor, free and bound, small and great, will be required to receive a mark in their right hand or forehead. No one will be able to buy or sell who will not receive this mark, and the mark is equal to the number of his name which is six hundred sixty-six (666).



Verse 17 gives us a clue as to the condition of daily life at this time of the Tribulation. At this point there sounds like there is still food to buy and so you must assume some degree of normalcy still exist. It would be safe then to also assume there must still be jobs to go to and life goes on in spite of all the horrible events of the trumpet judgments. Taking the **MARK** of the Beast might assure that you can go buy some food, or clothes or the things you need, but it also assures you of something else too ... a place in Hell for eternity. To the group of people who take the mark of the Beast they are now referred to as the “**WALKING DEAD.**” At this point there is nothing they can do to be saved.

The first beast, who is the Antichrist, and the second beast, who is the False Prophet, they are both men they are two different people. The fact that the second beast is called the "False Prophet" is proof that he is not the "Antichrist." Jesus spoke of him when He said:

Matthew 24:24 (NASB), For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

The **FALSE CHRIST** is the Antichrist (Beast out of the sea) and is given his power by the **DRAGON** or Satan, and the **FALSE PROPHET** is the Anti-spirit (Beast out of the Earth). Here Jesus differentiates between "**FALSE CHRISTS**" and "**FALSE PROPHET**," therefore the **ANTICHRIST** and the **FALSE PROPHET** cannot be the same.

Again the "Antichrist" is to be a **KING** and rule over a **KINGDOM**. He will accept the "Kingdoms of this world" that Satan offered to Jesus, and that Jesus refused (Matt. 4:8-

¹ <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/tbr/tbr062.htm>

10). He will also **EXALT** himself, and claim to be God (2. Thess. 2:4). But the False Prophet is not a King, he does not exalt himself, he exalts the First Beast (Antichrist). His relation to the First Beast is the same as the Holy Spirit's relation to Christ. He **CAUSES** the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the First Beast. He also has power to give **life**, and in this he imitates the Holy Spirit. The followers of Christ are sealed by the Holy Spirit until the **Day of Redemption** (Eph. 4:30) likewise, the followers of Antichrist shall be sealed by the False Prophet until the **Day of Perdition** (Rev.13:16-17).

The False Prophet then commands the people to make an "**IMAGE OF THE BEAST.**"

This is further proof that the "First Beast" is the Antichrist. It is a strange weakness of mankind that they must have some **VISIBLE** God to worship, and when the Children of Israel, who had been delivered from Egypt under Moses' leadership, thought he had forsaken them because he did not come down from the Mount, they called Aaron to make them gods which should go before them, and Aaron made for them the "**GOLDEN CALF**" (Ex. 32:1-6). So the False Prophet will have the people make for the purpose of worship an image of the beast. But the amazing thing about this **IMAGE**" is that the False Prophet will have power to give **LIFE** to it, and cause it to **SPEAK**, and to demand that all who will not worship it shall be put to death. In other words the **IMAGE** will be a living, speaking, **AUTOMATON** ... "A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)"

This Image reminds us of the **GOLDEN IMAGE** that Nebuchadnezzar commanded to be made and set up in the Plain of Dura, in the Province of Babylon (Dan. 3:1-30). At the sounding of musical instruments, the people were commanded to bow down and worship under penalty of death. For those who did not bow down would be cast into a **BURNING FIERY FURNACE**. Doubtless there will be many in the Day of Antichrist who will refuse to bow down and worship the Image of the Beast, and who will not escape death.

And as if this was not enough the False Prophet shall cause--"**ALL**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **MARK**' in their **RIGHT HAND**, or in their **FOREHEAD**; and that no man might **BUY** or **SELL**, save he that has the **MARK** or the **NAME OF THE BEAST**, or the **NUMBER OF HIS NAME.**" This mark will be known as the "**BRAND OF HELL.**"

Revelation 13:18 (NASB), “Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

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Revelation 6:1-8

HE IS COMING!

