

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.

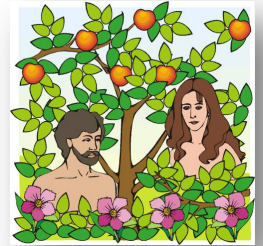
The Dragon – Out to Ruin God’s Plan

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!

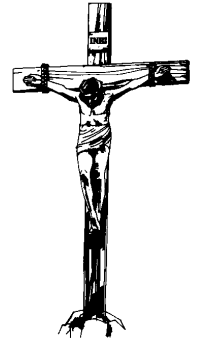
Matthew 2:13 (NASB), Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

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).