

His Story

This begins Revelation's Book II

The remaining chapters of Revelation allow the messenger of Christ to tell his own personal story of his entrance into the kingdom of God and the final judgment. Revelation chapters 17 - 22 happen in the sequence they are written in.

The key for understanding these chapters will also unlock even more of book I and is found in *Revelation 17*

*12 And the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings, **which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.***

Compare with

Revelation 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.***

Knowing this messenger is giving us a personal testimony allows us to take book II and fit it into book I as far as timing.

Chapters 11 and 17/18 show us the Jewish believers rejection of truth, acceptance of truth, and their ascension into the heavenly truth of God's love (fall of Babylon).

Chapters 12 and 19 show us the marriage supper of the Jewish believers and how their doubt is overcome.

Chapters 14 and 20 give us the three groups of people who make up humanity at the end of time: The 144,000 - the dead in Christ who are in the first resurrection - the dead who are judged at the great white throne judgment.

The ten horns are not crowned until after the Jewish believers reach the fullness of God's love.

The Woman

Revelation 17

*1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, 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 colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.***

The woman is described in verses 4 - 6, and in verse 18. She is the great city or Babylon.

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

To those in Babylon God is a mystery. Every person on earth projects, through words and actions, the God they serve.

*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.*

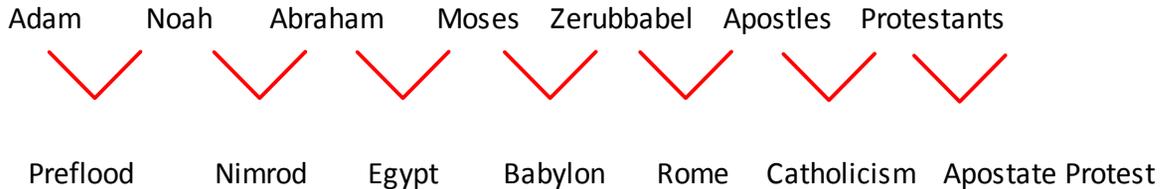
This depicts before and after the cross. Those who persecute are carrying confusion about

-serving the true and living God. Without the beast of pride the woman would not be drunk with the blood of God's people.

The Beast

The beast is water and has been with humanity from the very beginning.

Kings and Heads / Mountains



When God depicts a nation He keys on the attributes of it's leader and those who follow. Those attributes can be within all people. The pride seen in Nebuchadnezzar, pictured as a lion in Daniel 7, shows the lion within all humanity. The bear of Media-Persia pictures the unchanging heart we carry.

Each head/mountain carries with it the apostasy of the head/mountain before it.

Pre-flood - would not get in the ark, or would not listen - sons of God + daughters of men = men of renown

Nimrod - proclaimed himself God - built his own tower (H1431 - Gen 12:2 = to strengthen by twisting together)

Egypt - restrained/controlled the people of God

Babylon - pursued the people of God bringing them into bondage - made an Image of his beast

Rome - united church and state - crucified Christ

Catholicism - used the scriptures for proof - proclaimed themselves to be the only way to heaven

Apostate Protestants - enter perfect spiritual wickedness

The dragon of Revelation 12 looks similar to the beast of Revelation 13 because mans adversity has always existed too. Without the dragon there would not be power or authority given to the beast.

Kings and Horns

The kings are not heads of the beast

Revelation 17

*8 The beast that thou saw 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.*

Obviously, overcoming the beast (of pride/unchanging heart/unwillingness to forgive)

involves a process that takes one all the way through the completion of their salvation, but overcoming it the first time at conversion makes one a king of the earth.

Each Head/Mountain represents the condition of the people of God after an apostasy. There cannot be a beast head without an apostasy first. It is the apostasy that conditions believers to accept the beast carrying Babylon (the woman). One such process of change is seen in 2Thesalonians 2:3 when the Caesar transitions into the Papacy.

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

2 Thessalonians

*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 be revealed, **the son of perdition**;*

Just as Catholicism was slain with the sword of the Protestant reformation but came back to be worshipped, the beast of pride is slain and came back to be worshipped. When the pride returns it is defending Catholic doctrines and ideas. All who follow it will go into perdition.

Horns Crowned

James 1

*12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, **he shall receive the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

Proverbs 14

*24 **The crown of the wise is their riches**: but the foolishness of fools is folly.*

Proverbs 12

*4 **A virtuous woman is a crown** to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.*

The virtuous woman is the holy city New Jerusalem or God's holy spirit. Just as the righteous are sealed (or confirmed/crowned) in this truth the wicked are sealed (or confirmed/crowned) in their wickedness. **The crowning of the horns = the wicked being sealed in their apostasy.**

Revelation 17

12 And the ten horns which thou saw 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.

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.

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

16 And the ten horns which thou saw 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.

All religious groups see the whore of confusion in every body else, just not in themselves.

Summation

The beast that lies within humanity has always been there. What we see in Revelation 17 is how wickedness is perfected in its worship of the image and persecution of God's people. Wickedness perfected will destroy itself. As God gave truth humanity rejected it and slid further away from the light offered.

The messenger of God is showing John the beast perfected. Even though John sees seven heads he is told one had been slain and has come back as the eighth.