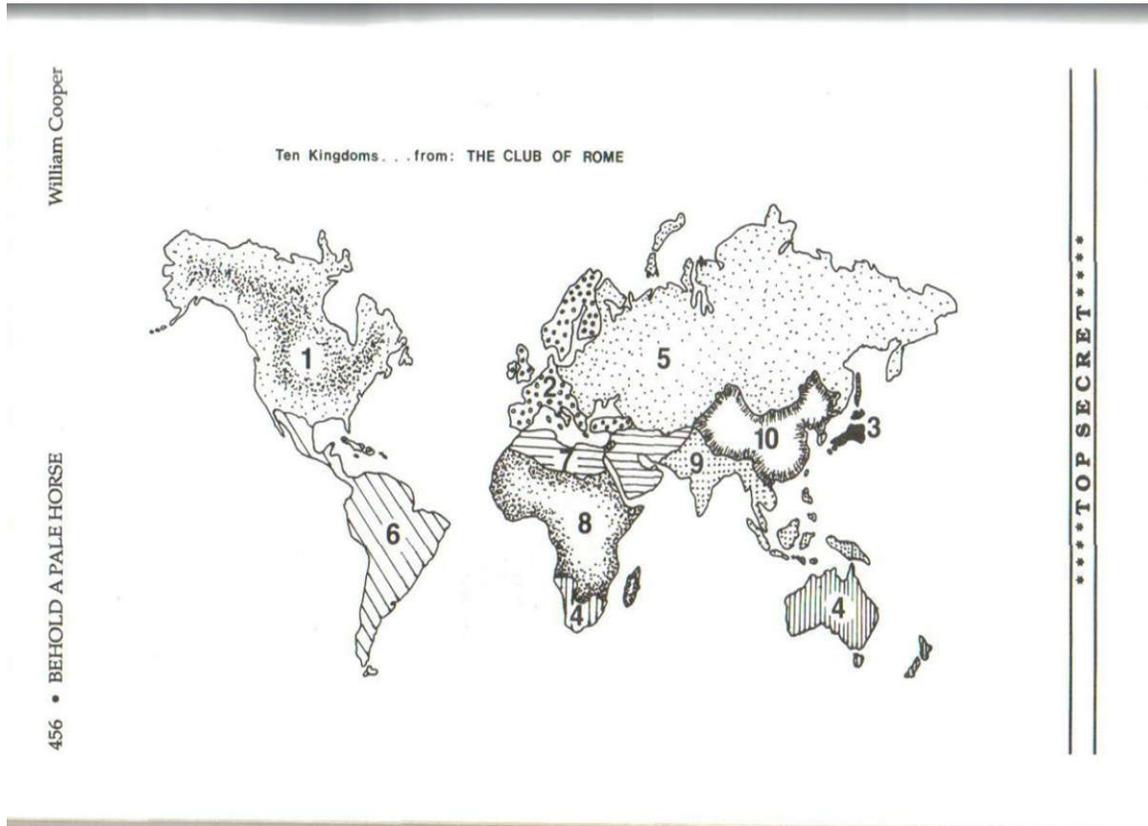


## Revelation 13: The United States of the World



### Introduction

This study will examine in detail the meaning of the prophecies found in Chapter 13 of The Revelation.

We are truly living in a time of change as Satan prepares the world for the revealing of the false Christ. At the same time, as His return approaches, the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, Jesus Christ, is busy preparing his saints for war with the beast. (Revelation 13:1-10) The Lord is preparing the mind of his saints for this war, in part, by clarifying their understanding of the changes that signal his coming and the end of the world. (1 Corinthians 14:8; Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21)

Please let me be blunt for a moment here with those who persist in believing the heresy that Gentile believers will be raptured before great tribulation and that only the Jews will be on earth during the great tribulation associated with the beast's war on the saints. Dispensationalists and pre-tribbers please understand that **the beast will make war with both Gentile and Jewish saints!** If you're truly among the children of God, God considers you a saint.

Yes, both Jews and Gentiles can be called saints. (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11; Romans 2:28-3:29; Ephesians 2:11-16) The apostle Paul wrote the Book of Romans primarily to the Gentiles and specifically to “**all** that be in Rome, beloved of god, called to be **saints**.” (Romans 1:7; Romans 1:13) John made it very clear to readers of the Revelation that he saw countless multitudes of people from among all nationalities and nations who arrived in heaven after suffering through great tribulation. (Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 6:9-11) These truths are clear! We need to become absolutely dogmatic about this! If you’ve been taught wrong on this issue; the time is now for you to change you’re thinking so that you can begin preparing yourself and others for the approaching war with the beast.

Let no man deceive you by any means; means such as respected pastoral authority, best-selling book(s), professional presentation, best selling movies and books, religious authority on bible prophecy, accredited professional biblical education or anything else: for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto him on the day of Christ, won’t come until there’s a falling away first and then that man of sin, the son of perdition, is revealed! (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3)

The mature patience and faith characterizing the saints of Revelation 13:10; those overcoming the trying processes involved in unjust imprisonment and even martyrdom during great tribulation; will be developed over a period of time. (James 1:2-3; Romans 5:1-5)

Weak character which consistently tries to sidestep potentially painful trials now, because of the fear of rejection by family, friends, employers and the world system, will fall away under the intense pressure of a great tribulation whose global arms will bring them down. This is the great danger facing professing saints exercising blind trust in a pre-tribulation rapture; those who haven’t yet chosen to suffer the consequences associated with standing against the destructive wickedness of the world system.

I have worked hard, diligently, faithfully and righteously as a “full-time Christian worker” in American Christian schools. This work was physically tiring at times because of all the responsibilities a Christian school entails; however, I wouldn’t say that this hard work qualified as suffering. Suffering didn’t begin until I had to take unpopular stands based upon biblical truths that went against the “traditions of the elders” of that particular religious system. If I hadn’t made the decision to suffer the consequences of obedience to the truth that God had revealed to me at that time, I wouldn’t have been accepted and enrolled in the “preparatory school of God” that I’m currently enrolled in which is preparing me for greater suffering and possibly even the great tribulation.

I'm busy learning the biblical truth that we learn to suffer victoriously through experience. (Philippians 4:12) Suffering is a lifestyle we are expected to accept if we are to have the hope in God's heaven that will be required to stand firm in the evil day. (Philippians 1:12; Hebrews 11:25; 2 Timothy 2:12; 2 Timothy 3:12; Revelation 2:10) Those that don't choose to suffer remain unworthy and unfit for the kingdom of God. (2 Thessalonians 1:5) Don't be deceived to think that you'll be safe from the evil grip of "big brother" or have your "best life now" by sidestepping suffering. Take up the cross and live like you have nothing to lose because you've truly given it all up here in Babylon the Great for the savior who gave it all up for you.

When Jesus' disciples asked him about the signs of his coming and the end of the age about 2000 years ago, he didn't squelch their curiosity and minimize their concern by telling them; "don't be concerned about the details surrounding my return and the end of the age; just be ready." Instead of skirting the end time's issue, Jesus proceeded to chronicle a general outline of significant social, political and religious changes to watch for along the long and winding road to his return. His purpose in doing so was to provide his followers certain knowledge; clear truth that would enable them to avoid falling prey to demonic deception under intense pressure. He taught this truth so that they would be ready in righteousness for him.

As you may be aware, the global ruling elite are openly discussing the following changes as precursors to a global beast nation predicted in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13:1.

### **New world order**

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- <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=WAL20090624&articleId=14078>
- <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2009laquila/2009plans/2009-g8plans-090213.pdf>

### **Global regime**

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50plsughFeY&feature=Responses&parent\\_video=anxkrm9uEJk&index=0&playnext=1&playnext\\_from=RL](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50plsughFeY&feature=Responses&parent_video=anxkrm9uEJk&index=0&playnext=1&playnext_from=RL)

### **Global central bank**

- <http://www.newsweek.com/id/165772>

### **Global currency**



- <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=aeFVNYQpByU4>
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- <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/first100days/2009/03/23/china-takes-aim-dollar-urges-new-global-currency/>
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### **Global interoperable identification system**

- <http://www-ilo-mirror.cornell.edu/public/english/bureau/inf/news/2005/seafarers.htm>
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In light of these signs, it's critical that our understanding of prophecies related to *Antichrist* and the *mark of the beast* be biblically based. Truth is a foundation upon which we can stand and vigilantly watch so that we aren't spiritually asleep and consequently deceived to accept evil deceitfully disguised as good. (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

Many times Jesus began his teaching by pointing out to others that he knew and understood what they already believed. In the KJV translation those times show Jesus opening his teaching with the phrase, "*ye have heard that...*" Based upon the fact that I own and have read well over 50 different books and commentaries concerning bible prophecy and having studied the Bible at the seminary level, I believe I'm safe in saying that I'm familiar with what "ye have heard". Such knowledge is humbling and there are certainly those among us that have more knowledge concerning things to come than I do. I can confidently say, however, that in comparing the eschatological teaching I've been exposed to with what I've been learning in recent times through exegetical

biblical study; the Holy Spirit is increasing knowledge of the things that are to come upon the earth in the last days before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.(Daniel 12:4)

The purpose of this study is share some of this knowledge in order to provide the biblical understanding required to shield our faith against deception. I've provided much detail in explaining the basis of my biblical interpretations. I encourage you to persevere through this detail in order to fine tune your understanding of things to come and sharpen your sword for the battle.

## **Revelation 13:1 The beast out of the sea**

This expositional study of Revelation 13 begins with verse 1 which reads as follows:

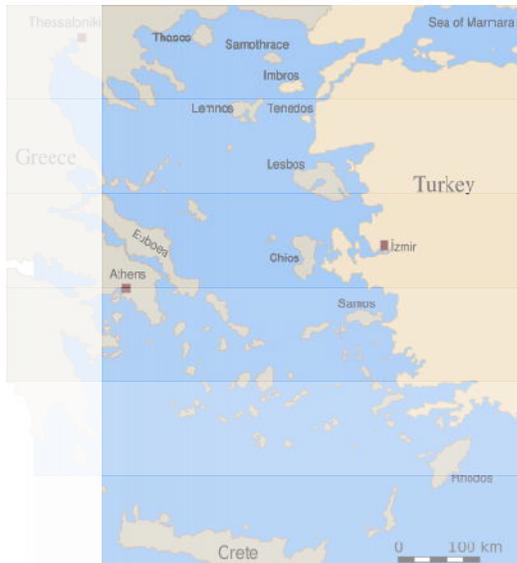
**Revelation 13:1:** *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

In this verse we will learn the following key prophetic points:

- The beast that rises out of the sea is a kingdom, not a person.
- The ten horns of the beast represent ten earthly rulers.
- The seven heads of the beast represent seven earthly kingdoms.
- The seven heads aren't a reference to the Roman Empire alone.
- Five of these seven kingdoms are past kingdoms.
- The sixth kingdom was the Roman Empire.
- The seventh kingdom is Babylon the Great; the American Empire.
- The eighth kingdom will be a resurrected American Empire in new form. Its principal speaker will be its mouth, the man of sin and son of perdition Antichrist, a man possessed by the destroying angelic spirit Abaddon/Apollyon that ascends out of the bottomless pit.
- This eighth kingdom is the fourth kingdom of Daniel Chapter 7 and the beast that rises out of the sea referred to in Revelation 13:1.

The portion of the Revelation known as Chapter 13 begins with John writing that he saw a beast rise up out of the sea as he stood upon the sand of the sea.

Yes, John was literally standing on the sand of the Aegean Sea as he received this vision. The verse also explains, however, that John saw the beast rise up out of the sea. Should we assume that John is simply telling us that the beast will originate out of the region surrounding the Aegean Sea?



A literal interpretation of this verse would teach that Antichrist will originate out of the above pictured region. This interpretation, however, would be an inaccurate oversimplification for two reasons.

First, the figurative phrase, the *sand of the sea*, is used numerous times throughout scripture to refer to an innumerable population. Second, and more importantly, Revelation 13:2 describes this *beast* using the same terms used in Daniel 7 to describe the fourth kingdom of the last days. As a result, we can conclude that the use of the word *sea* highlights the truth that this beast kingdom will be **global** in nature. It will encompass the mass of humanity on earth's seven continents. Today we might call this beast, this fourth kingdom, a global government, International Order, World Order, Global State, Global Order, Global Empire, United States of the World, United Nations or the United Kingdom of the World.

## **Seven heads and ten horns of the beast**

The word *beast* used figuratively in Revelation 13:1 is the neuter gendered Greek noun *therion*. Its neuter gender indicates that the beast isn't a person. The noun *therion* is a dangerous, brutal, savage entity. In this case, the beast represents a **savage global empire**.

This savage global empire is described as having seven heads and ten horns in Revelation 13:1. Revelation 17:3 and Revelation 17:9-13 show that the seven heads of the beast represent seven blasphemous kingdoms. A key point to understand regarding the seven kings is that at the time John recorded the vision, five were past, one was in power, and a seventh was future.

Revelation 17:3	Revelation 17:9-13	Revelation 13:1
<p>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 <b>seven heads</b> and <b>ten horns</b>.</p>	<p>And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The <b>seven heads are seven mountains</b>, on which the woman sitteth. <b>And there are seven kings</b>: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the <b>ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings</b>, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.</p>	<p>And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having <b>seven heads</b> and <b>ten horns</b>, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.</p>

*Kings* is the Greek word *basileus* meaning a foundation of power, a sovereign, supreme in power and dominion, a commander, a leader of the people or lord of the land. It can refer to a supreme leader and or the kingdom they rule. *Kings*, or *basileus*, is used in Revelation 1:5; Revelation 6:15; Revelation 16:14; Revelation 17:2, 17:18; Revelation 18:3, 18:9 and Revelation 19:19 to describe earthly kings. For this reason I interpret the kings to represent kings of the earth; not the return of fallen angelic or giant, *nephilim* spirit beings.

The KJV translation of Revelation 17:9-10 identifies the *seven heads* as seven kings. The words “there are” in Revelation 17:10 were translated to English from the Greek *eisin*. *Eisin* is from the root verb *eimi* meaning “to be”. *Eimi* is present tense, third person plural meaning “they are”. The fact that the heads represent kings is clearly stated in the New American Standard translation of Revelation 17:9-10 which states: “...*the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, and they are 7 kings...*”

Could these kings represent kingdoms rather than kings? Absolutely; in the Old Testament the word Hebrew word *har*, translated *mountain*, was used symbolically to describe a national kingdom. In Jeremiah 51:25, mountain is used figuratively to describe Babylon as a “destroying mountain” representative of Babylon’s destructive military power.

Throughout Daniel 2:35-45, the Hebrew word *tur*, literally meaning mountain, is used figuratively to describe the future kingdom of God. The seven heads spoken of in Revelation 17:9-10 are described as being both mountains and kings. The Old Testament usage of the word mountain to represent a national kingdom supports the idea that the seven heads refer to seven kingdoms rather than seven kings.

Another key to understanding whether *kings* refers to kings or kingdoms is found in the neuter gender of the word *beast* used in both Revelation Chapter 13 and Chapter 17. A neuter noun describes something, not someone. Moreover, Revelation 17:12 teaches that the ten kings refer to sovereign ruling powers. We know that these kings are sovereign ruling powers; because at the time of the historical milestone set in Revelation 17:12, these powers hadn't yet received global dominion with the beast. This fact is the first reason refuting the common belief that Revelation 17 is referring to the Roman Empire of John's day.

Secondly, the 7 heads can't refer to 7 emperors of the Roman Empire because there have been more than 7 emperors of Rome historically. (Dyer, 1995)

Thirdly, if John was seeing a vision of the Rome of his day, the ten kings he envisioned would've already been crowned.

Fourth, we know that Revelation 17 isn't referring to the Roman Empire because Revelation 13:1 says John "*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*". Obviously, literal mountains or hills wouldn't be described as being named "*blasphemy*". The name of *blasphemy* upon the seven heads is more than an identification label. Historically, names were part of the personality of the one bearing the name. 1 Samuel 25:25 illustrates this concept that "*as a man is named, so he is*". The name of blasphemy attached to the seven heads symbolizes their overall personality as being arrogantly opposed to God.

Finally, Revelation 17:3 and Revelation 17:9 state that the seven heads of the scarlet beast "*are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth*". The word *mountain (oros)* is used for the Hebrew word for *mountain (har)* in Revelation 17. The Greeks and Romans, however, used the word *hill (bounos)*, not *mountain (oros)*, when referring to the 7 hills Rome was built upon. As a result we can't say that Revelation 17:3 and Revelation 17:9 refer to Rome's seven hills.

Revelation 12:3 and 9 link the great red dragon, Satan, with the scarlet beast of Revelation 17:3 and the beast of Revelation 13:1 having 7 heads and 10 horns.

Revelation 12:3, 9	Revelation 17:3	Revelation 13:1
<sup>3</sup> And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a <b>great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.</b> <sup>9</sup> And the <b>great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil,</b>	So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a <b>scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.</b>	And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a <b>beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns,</b> and upon his horns ten crowns, <b>and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.</b>

<b>and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:</b> he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.		
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These kingdoms will scoff, slander and speak evil of God and his people because they're possessed by Satan. Revelation 13:5-7; 2 Timothy 3:1-7 and 2 Peter 3:3-4 describe their blasphemous character. This character typifies the general behavior of people in the last days just before the Lord Jesus Christ returns to earth.

In Revelation 17:10-11, five of the seven blasphemous kings are described as *fallen*. The word fallen is the Greek word *pipto* meaning to descend from a high place to a lower and come to an end. In other words, the five kings are past kingdoms.

The five past blasphemous kingdoms are considered by many Bible prophecy teachers to be the following empires:

- Egyptian (3100-1491 BC)
- Assyrian (884-612 BC)
- Babylonian (612-539 BC)
- Medo-Persian (539-331 BC)
- Grecian (331-44 BC)

The words "one is" describes the sixth kingdom found in Revelation 17:10. This kingdom is the Roman Empire (27 B.C.-476 A.D.) which was in power when John wrote the Revelation.

The seventh king is described in Revelation 17:10 as "*not yet come*"; and when he cometh, he must *continue a short space*. In other words, the seventh king is a future kingdom that will remain in power a relatively short time compared to the other six kingdoms. This kingdom precedes the eighth and final earthly kingdom.

Revelation 17:18 identifies the seventh kingdom as Babylon the Great; the future global empire John envisioned. This kingdom is found mysteriously disguised today as the United States of America; ***the great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth***. Please refer to the study found at <http://www.escapebabylonsdemons.com/uploads/MBTGpdf.pdf> for the biblical study supporting this teaching.

What does the expression *reigneth over the kings of the earth* mean?

In Revelation 17:18, *εχουσα* (*echo*) and *βασιλειαν* (*basileia*) are translated into the English word *reigneth*. *Echousa*, from the root *echo*, means “to have or to hold something“. Here that something is the word *basileian*. *Basileian* means to rule or have predominance over the kings of the earth.

From the context of Revelation 17:18 above, however, the woman isn't the sovereign world ruler. She doesn't have absolute control over the kings of the earth. Revelation 17:7 teaches that the scarlet colored beast *carrieth* the woman.

This word *carrieth* or βασιζοντος is in the genitive case signifying possession. It means to support, sustain, carry, uphold or bear what is burdensome. In other words, the relationship of the woman to the scarlet colored beast is one of bittersweet bondage. The woman is in some form of bondage to the beast in spite of the fact that she is the world's preeminent superpower nation-state.

In one sense this bondage refers to the financial debt owed by the superpower to the scarlet colored beast. In a broader sense, *carrieth* indicates the spiritual bondage of the superpower to evil demonic powers. Revelation 18:2 teaches that the superpower lives under the attack of evil, demonic spiritual powers of wickedness. Her golden cup once filled with God's blessings and opportunities is now overflowing with his curses and the evil fruit resulting from her covetousness and idolatry. This whorish kingdom *sits upon* or exercises authority in order to manage and guide the beast with seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:18; Revelation 17:3) Revelation 17:3 uses the Greek word *kathemai* to say that the superpower Babylon the Great sits upon the scarlet colored beast. “*Sit upon*” in verse 3 is translated from the words καθημενην επι. *Kathemain* is a present tense middle deponent accusative case verbal participle literally meaning to sit down. Used in the figurative sense in this context it shows the superpower in a certain condition or position in relationship to the scarlet colored beast. In context, *sit upon* means to ride in a position of power.

Revelation 17:12 introduces an eighth kingdom. This eighth kingdom is the beast of Revelation 13:1 because this kingdom is described as having seven heads and ten horns like the beast of Revelation 13:1. Cross-referencing Revelation 17:12-13, Revelation 17:16-17, and Revelation 17:8-11 with Revelation 13:1-4 clarifies that the scarlet colored beast consisting of Revelation 17 is the beast of Revelation 13:1-4.

Revelation 17:12-13	Revelation 17:16-17	Revelation 17:8-11	Revelation 13:1-4
And the <b>ten horns</b> which thou sawest are <b>ten kings, which have</b>	And the <b>ten horns</b> which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her	<b>The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into</b>	And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw <b>a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten</b>

<p><b>received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.</b></p> <p>These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.</p>	<p>desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and <b>give their kingdom unto the beast</b>, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.</p>	<p><b>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.</b> And here <i>is</i> the mind which hath wisdom. <b>The <u>seven heads</u> are <u>seven mountains</u>, on which the woman sitteth. And there are <u>seven kings</u>: five are fallen, and one is, <i>and</i> the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And <u>the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.</u></b></p>	<p><b>horns</b>, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as <i>the feet</i> 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. <b>And I saw <u>one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.</u></b> And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who <i>is</i> like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?</p>
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How can the eighth kingdom be the beast out of the sea of Revelation 13:1?

If you recall, we identified the beast out of the sea of Revelation 13:1 and scarlet colored beast of Revelation 17 to be the same beasts because they're both described as having seven heads and ten horns. The heads are the historical global kingdoms. Revelation 17:11 explains that the eighth kingdom is "of the seven"; in other words, the eighth kingdom was one of the seven kingdoms.

Which of the seven kingdoms was the eighth kingdom? The following paragraphs will explain why I believe that it's the seventh kingdom that becomes the eighth kingdom.

In studying Revelation 17:10-11, my attention was arrested by the words "**is not**" found in both verses.

<b>Revelation 17:10</b>	<b>Revelation 17:11</b>
And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, <i>and</i> <u>the other <b>is not</b></u> yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.	And <u>the beast that was, and <b>is not</b>, even he is the eighth, and is of the <u>seven</u></u> , and goeth into perdition.

Revelation 17:10 explains that the seventh ruling power “**is not**” yet come; and when it comes it remains in power a short time. Revelation 17:11 explains that one of the previous seven ruling powers mentioned in Revelation 17:10, the eighth ruling power, “**is not**” yet come also. Since both the seventh and eighth kings or ruling powers are described as “**is not**”; in other words they’ve yet to be established, these two powers are the same. If six of the previous ruling powers have come, and only the seventh and eighth haven’t come yet; and the eighth power is one of the first seven powers, the seventh and eighth ruling powers must represent the same ruling power.

This idea that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> ruling powers are the same is supported by the fact that both Revelation 17:10-11 and Daniel 7:8 describe this ruling power as one that would remain in power for a *short duration of time*.

The Hebrew word translated *little* in Daniel 7:8 is Strong’s #2192 meaning little or small with regard to time or physical quantity. In relationship to time it would mean *short in duration*, younger, or the last. Revelation 17:10-11, however, provides additional insight into the meaning of little used in Daniel 7:8. These verses describe the 7<sup>th</sup> kingdom as one that would remain in power for a *short duration of time* as described by the Greek word *oligos*.

Daniel 7:8	Revelation 17:10-11
I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another <b>little</b> horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn <i>were</i> eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.	And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, <i>and</i> the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, <b>he must continue a short space</b> . And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

For these reasons I believe that the eighth ruling power is the seventh ruling power; one of the seven heads that looks like it’s wounded to death militarily, but its deadly wound is *healed*. (Revelation 13:3-4)

## **The healed wound**

The word *healed* is the Greek verb *therapeuo* meaning to be relieved or served. This eighth kingdom could be seen as a type of terminating presence. To understand the meaning of the “fatal wound that was healed” and Revelation 17:10-11 consider the following illustration.

Imagine, for example, a baseball game in which a powerful relief pitcher serves as the team’s closer. This intimidating closing pitcher finishes the game in relief of the starting pitcher who came before him and was knocked out of the game by the opposing team. Once he takes the mound, the relief pitcher exercises all the power of the starting pitcher who came before him did; much

like the little horn ruling beast of Revelation 13:11-16 does on behalf of the team of ten associate nations over which he rules.

*<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. (Revelation 13:11-12)*

In fact, after the relief pitcher shuts down the opposition for the remainder of the game and his team comes back to win, the worshipping crowd fawns and applauds in wonder over the way that the closer led his team to overcome what appeared to be a sure loss; a fatal wound, so to speak. In a similar manner, the world will wonder in amazement at how quickly the little horn beast recovers after its apparently fatal wound.

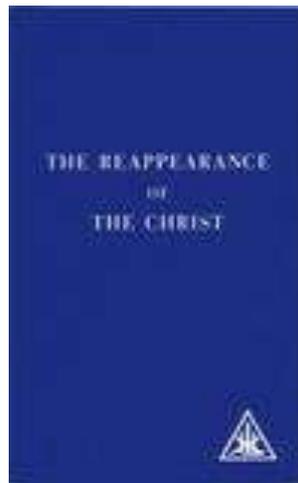
*<sup>8</sup>The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall **wonder**, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is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

In the case of the seventh and eighth ruling powers, however, the eighth ruling power is the seventh ruling power that ascends out of the bottomless pit. Upon its ascension, the beast is led by a destroying angel named *Abaddon* (Hebrew) or *Apollyon* (Greek), destined for destruction. (Revelation 9:11; Revelation 17:8; Revelation 13:3-4; Revelation 12:9)

This shouldn't be interpreted to mean that the visible ruler of the eighth beast kingdom will be named *Abaddon* (Hebrew) or *Apollyon* (Greek). There are invisible rulers which indwell and control visible rulers. (Ephesians 6:12) Daniel 10 reveals that fallen angelic rulers or princes battle angelic powers such as the archangel or chief angel Michael. Daniel 10:13 mentions the prince of the kingdom of Persia. Daniel 10:20 identifies both the prince of Persia and the prince of Grecia. Revelation 18:2 describes Babylon the great, interpreted to be the global empire of United States of America, as under the control of fallen angelic powers.

In conclusion, I offer the following points regarding the man of sin written by Alice A. Bailey in 1934 in *THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE CHRIST*. This book was published by Lucis Trust which was originally named Lucifer Trust. Lucis Trust belongs to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.  
<http://esa.un.org/coordination/ngo/new/documents/INF2008.pdf>

Remember, however, that the proper interpretation of biblical prophecy or any portion of scripture can't be driven by the knowledge of the plans and beliefs of occult teachers. The beliefs and teachings of occult teachers can only be used to show how a properly interpreted biblical prophecy could be, would be or has already been fulfilled. With this truth in mind, I offer the following points from THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE CHRIST to show that occult world planners, referred to by Alice Bailey as the Hierarchy or the Spiritual Hierarchy, teach that the man of sin, called THE CHRIST by Alice Bailey, isn't a fallen angelic ruler named Abaddon/Apollyon. This occult CHRIST or antichrist is described as follows by Bailey: (Bailey, The Reappearance of the Christ, 1948)



- An Avatar or Savior; an extraordinary man who appears to change the face of the world and inaugurate a new era.
- He will come to a world that is essentially one world.
- He may create or use crises to end the old and make way for new forms
- His reappearance and his consequent work cannot be confined to one small locality or domain unheard of by the great majority.
- The radio, the press and the dissemination of news will make his coming different to that of any previous messenger;
- Through television, His face can be made familiar to all, and verily “every eye will see Him.”
- No one knows in what nation he will come.
- He may be a Christian or a Hindu by faith, a Buddhist or of no particular faith at all.
- He may reappear in a totally unexpected guise; who is to say whether or not He will come as a politician, an economist, a leader of the people (arising from the midst of them), a scientist or an artist?

This study will continue with the study of Revelation 13:2 in the next posting.

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