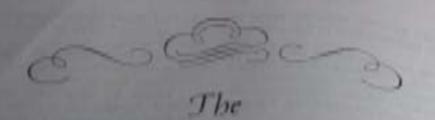
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Rev. 17:1, "Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,' "

Jer. 51:12, "Set up the standard on the walls of Babylon; make the guard strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes. For the LORD has both devised and done what He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.

Jer. 51:13, "O you who dwell by [Heb = "upon"] many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness."

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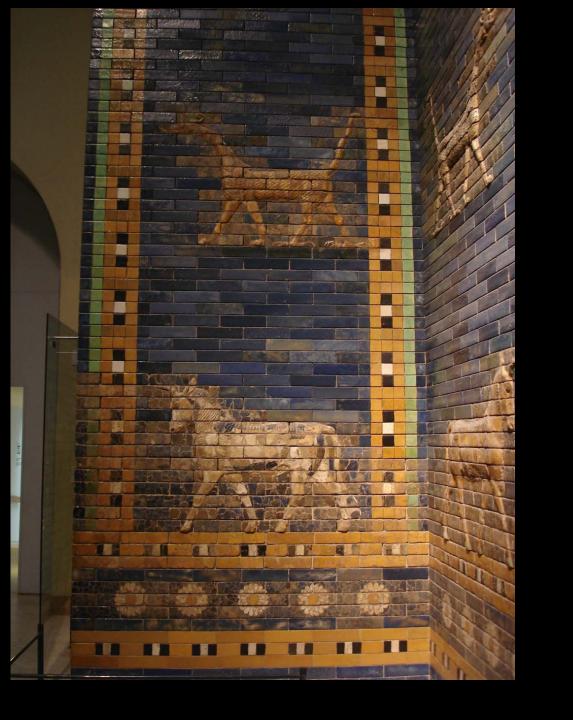
Rev. 12:3, "Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems."



A dragon, sacred animal of Marduk, patron deity of Babylon. In the 12th century BC Marduk was viewed as the supreme cosmic ruler of the Earth. The Babylonians believed he was the creator of the universe and ruler of gods and humans.







Rev. 13:1, "And I [vs the dragon (NU)] stood on the sand of the sea.

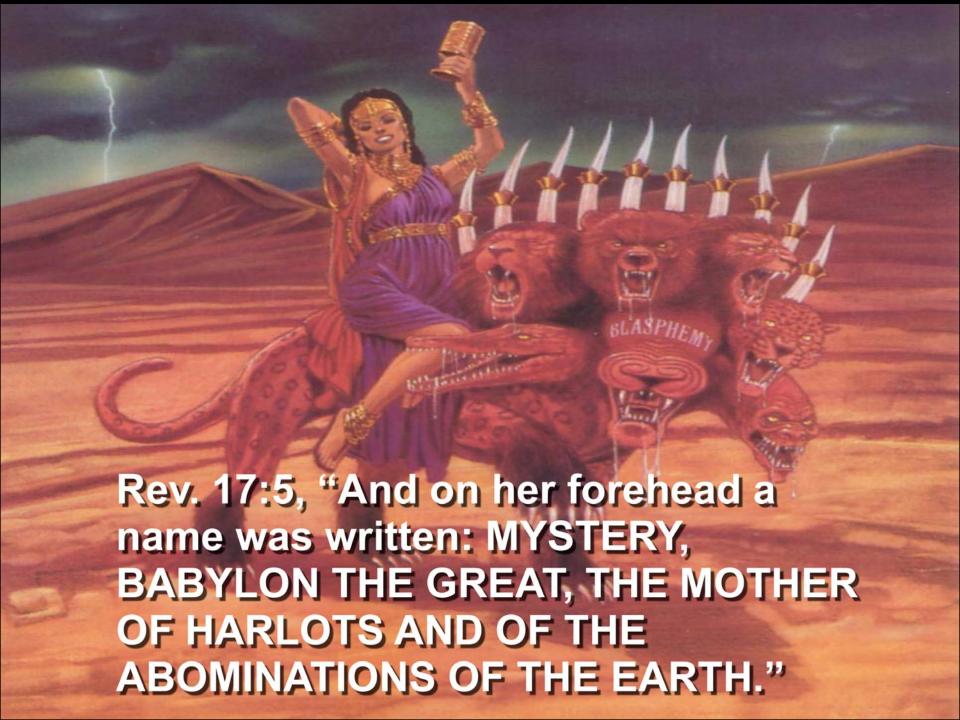
Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names."

Dan. 7:2, "Daniel spoke, saying, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

Dan. 7:3, "'And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.'"



Rev. 17:3, "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. Rev. 17:4, "The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication."



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"Babylon the Great" is used as a title in Rev. 14:8; 16:19; 18:2.

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πόρνη *porne* "prostitute, immoral, unfaithful"

Is. 1:21, "How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers."

Ezek. 16:28, "You also played the harlot with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; indeed you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.

Ezek. 16:29, "Moreover you multiplied your acts of harlotry as far as the land of the trader, Chaldea; and even then you were not satisfied."

Jer. 3:6, "The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: 'Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.'