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πορνης (*pornes*) – prostitute, harlot, spiritual unfaithfulness; idolatry

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."

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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."

Depicts the dragon as the power of the kingdom of man. The dragon has the heads and horns.



Rev. 13:1, "Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name." **Depicts the Antichrist**

as the personification of the kingdom of man as historically against God. Rev. 13:1, "Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name."

- Rev 12:3–Dragon has seven heads, ten horns, crowns on the heads.
- Rev 13:1–Beast (person) has seven heads, ten horns with ten crowns, the heads have blasphemous names.
- Rev 13:2–The dragon empowers the beast (a person).
- Rev 13:7–Beast makes war with the saints; has authority over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Four Beasts in Revelation

- Beast 1: The beast out of the abyss. Rev 11
- Beast 2: The Antichrist as a personification of the final kingdom (an individual).
- Beast 3: The False Prophet, the second beast out of the land.
- Beast 4: The scarlet beast with seven heads and ten horns, representing the kingdom, not the individual.



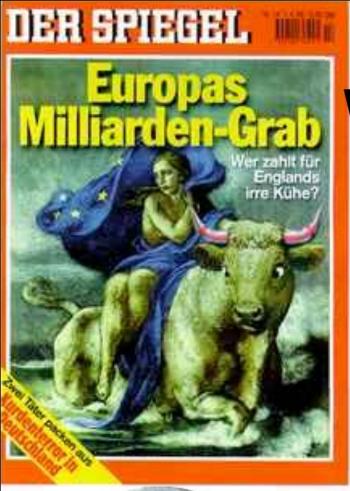
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"Babylon the Great" is used as a title in Rev. 14:8; 16:19; 18:2.

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The "unrevealed" matter is that her intrinsic character and identity is not known except by divine revelation.

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Babel has interconnected political, social, economic, and religious purposes.

Throughout the Bible there is a conflict between Babel representing the plan of man/Satan, and Jerusalem representing the plan of God. Rev. 17:6, "| saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when | saw her, | marveled with great amazement." Rev. 17:6, "| saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when | saw her, |

Rev. 6:10, "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' Rev. 6:11, "Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.'"

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- 7. Rome II = future revived kingdom

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Rev. 17:12, "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast." The beast = The fourth kingdom that was and is not and will ascend

Seven heads = Seven mountains (seven historical manifestions of the k/m)

Seven heads = Seven kings = Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome 1, Rome 2. The beast that was and is not is an eighth king, but out of the seven.

10 horns = Ten kings

The waters = Peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues

The woman = The great city which reigns over the kings of the earth, vs. 18; i.e., the religio-political philosophy of the kingdom of man.

Rev. 17:13, "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast." Rev. 17:14, "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17:15, "Then he said to me, 'The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.'" Rev. 17:16, "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire." Rev. 17:17, "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled." Rev. 17:18, "And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."